



In the field: An Afghan girl meets a soldier from RTF 4 on a patrol near Sorkh Morghab in Oruzgan province. Photo by Cpl Neil Bushill.

# PUSH INTO TALIBAN'S BACK YARD

Reconstruction Task Force 4 soldiers in Afghanistan have begun a major push into the Taliban heartland in Oruzgan province in a concerted effort to evict the Taliban and restore vital infrastructure. See Pages 18-19 for the full report and more photographs.

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## 2 NEWS



Mourned: Tpr David Pearce, Pte Luke Worsley and Sgt Matthew Locke.

# Reports into deaths issued

INQUIRIES into the deaths of the three soldiers killed in Afghanistan last year concluded no mistakes were made by the soldiers.

The three combat death inquiries established the facts surrounding the deaths of Tpr David Pearce, Sgt Matthew Locke and Pte Luke Worsley. Vice Chief of the Defence Force Lt-Gen Ken Gillespie said he hoped the release of the information might offer a degree of closure to the families of the soldiers.

"All three men were killed conducting authorised combat operations and, as heartbreaking as their deaths are, this was an unfortunate consequence of our troops participating in armed conflict," Lt-Gen Gillespie said.

Tpr Pearce was killed and another soldier received facial injuries during a roadside bomb attack in Oruzgan province in southern Afghanistan on October 8, 2007. The report found Tpr Pearce was killed instantly when the vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED). It noted the area was assessed as a high threat and there had been a significant history of IED attacks and IEDs located along routes in the area.

"The area itself had been dubbed 'IED alley' by coalition forces" it said. "There was no understatement of the threat at the time of the incident."

The report stated that some witnesses believed the time made avail-

able for task rehearsal was less than desirable. However, it noted the inexperience of the recently deployed Reconstruction Task Force 3 was not a contributing factor in the incident.

Sgt Locke was killed on October 25, 2007, by a single gunshot wound to the upper chest during a combat engagement. The report noted that Sgt Locke's decision not to wear ballistic plates within his body armour was appropriate, given the role and tasks of his patrol at the time.

"The weight of the armour would have degraded the soldier's ability to move quietly and with freedom over any distance," the report stated.

The report concluded that given the location of Sgt Locke's wound, ballistic armour plates would probably not have prevented his death.

Pte Worsley was killed on November 23, 2007, by a single gunshot wound to the head during a close quarter battle. The report concluded that Pte Worsley's death occurred in straightforward circumstances of combat.

Lt-Gen Gillespie said the investigating officers were satisfied that no further formal investigation was required into the combat deaths.

"We have thoroughly investigated whether anything could have prevented the deaths of David, Matthew and Luke. The inquiry officers looked at equipment, training, the operational situation and even the orders the soldiers were given on the day of their death to ascertain if

there was any process or system that may have let them down," he said.

A fourth inquiry investigated civilian casualties and an allegation of detainee mistreatment by Australian troops during the November 23 incident in which Pte Worsley was killed.

Lt-Gen Gillespie said the inquiry, which investigated civilian casualties and an allegation of detainee mistreatment, highlighted the complex and demanding nature of operations being undertaken by Australian troops in Afghanistan.

The investigating officer found that two non-combatants – a woman and a baby – were killed as a result of Taliban extremists engaging an Australian Special Operations force from within a compound the extremists knew to be occupied by civilians.

"We utilised every resource available, including review of operational reports, collection of statements, liaison with our ISAF partners, and an interview with the Afghan village elder making the claims, to ensure that these inquiries had access to all available information," Lt-Gen Gillespie said.

"There is no evidence that the Australian troops breached their rules of engagement on November 23, 2007."

The reports into the operational fatalities in Afghanistan are available on the Defence Department's website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/publications/cfm>

## Initiative creates a stronger Army

THE Enhanced Land Force (ELF) initiative will benefit by \$650 million in the 2008 Budget as the Federal Government continues to establish two new Army battalions.

ELF would increase the size of the ADF by about 3000, Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon said.

"The initiative will create a stronger, modern, versatile and adaptable Army of 11 battle-groups able to operate independently," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

The ELF includes:

- the re-establishment of a second mechanised battalion (relocating from Darwin to Adelaide), 7RAR, announced under the Hardened and Networked Army initiative.

- 3RAR will be converted from a parachute battalion to light infantry and will relocate from Sydney to Townsville;

- re-raising of 8/9RAR as a motorised infantry battalion in South East Queensland;

- increasing the Army's capability by raising additional combat support and combat service support;

- expanding the Air Force's expeditionary airfield capabilities to support the increased Army; and

- purchasing ships capable of supporting the increased Army to reinforce stabilisation or humanitarian operations.

Australian troops will also receive the best possible equipment and technology under the Budget allocation of \$372.5 million to the Defence Science and Technology Organisation.

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## Treated in Germany

AN OVERWATCH Battle Group (West) 4 soldier seriously wounded in a roadside bomb attack in southern Iraq has been transferred to a medical facility in Germany.

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Task: Bushmasters stop during a patrol in Iraq. Photo by AB Paul Berry

time of its departure from southern Iraq," he said.

No other soldier was injured in the attack and the Bushmaster vehicle, although damaged, was driven from the scene.

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## Face of Army



Writing: Pte Megan Dunningham is a clerk with OBG(W)4 at Camp Terendak in Iraq. Photo by Cpl Michael Davis



## Chief begins farewells

CHIEF of Army Lt-Gen Peter Leahy has visited Timor-Leste to say farewell to serving International Stabilisation Force soldiers and the many Timorese soldiers he has made during his career.

This was his last visit to Timor-Leste, as Lt-Gen Leahy will shortly retire from the Australian Army after 37 years' service.

"Thank you for the way you represent Australia and our Army," he told the troops. "Thank you for your dedication, professionalism and commitment to helping the people of Timor-Leste. I see significant changes and I sense a better future for Timor-Leste. You and those who came before you, have helped this change."

He spent two days visiting soldiers at Gleno and Same forward operating bases, as well as several locations in Dili.

Of special significance was his visit to the Chief of the Timor-Leste Defence Force, Brig Taur Matan Ruak. The two men have become firm friends over recent years and the warmth of their friendship was evident during the meeting at the Memorial Hall in Dili.

Lt-Gen Leahy congratulated the brigadier on the recent successes of the Timorese Joint Command, and for the surrender of the rebel group. He said that this outcome would do much to contribute to the country's long-term stability.



Significant changes: CA Lt-Gen Peter Leahy says farewell to members of the ISF in Timor-Leste. Photo by Cpl Chris Moore

## Little practice but still perfect

By Sgt Dave Morley

THE winner of this year's Champion Shot of the Army (CSA) award has beaten the odds, not having fired a service rifle since AASAM 2007.

Cfn Jaden Hopfner, currently on a two-year exchange with the Navy's 816 Sqn at HMAS Albatross, topped a field of 40 of the Army's top shooters to become the Army's champion shot for 2008.

Cfn Hopfner said the three days of competition were demanding, high pressure and a fantastic learning experience.

"What makes it hard is the Navy at Nowra don't shoot so I've got nowhere to practice. The only shooting I do is each year at AASAM," he said.

He said he first started shooting rabbits when he was about 12 at Coomealla, across the Murray River from Mildura.

"But I didn't actually start target shooting until I joined the Army Reserve," he said.

Cfn Hopfner has been in the Army almost 14 years. He completed seven years part-time service with 8/7RVR at Mildura. His full-time service has been with Army Aviation.

"I look forward to passing on my skills and expertise to members of my unit," he said.

The award was announced fol-



Top shot: Cfn Jaden Hopfner is borne aloft after his win.

lowing completion of competition at Puckapunyal on May 10.

The Champion Shot Competition has been held since 1924 with the exception of the years during World War II and 2006.

AASAM was held from May 5-24 at Puckapunyal.

## 10 years' jail for launcher thefts

AN ARMY captain was sentenced to 10 years' jail on May 15 for stealing and selling 10 rocket launchers.

Shane Della-Vedova pleaded guilty to stealing the weapons during his time as an ammunition technician officer between 2001 and 2003. He had been given the task of destroying the weapons but claimed he had forgotten about them and left them in his car.

One of the weapons was found in the possession of a Sydney criminal and the other nine remain missing.

Sydney District Court Judge Jonathan Williams said it was "difficult to imagine the use of such a weapon other than for ... terrorism".

"They could also end up in the hands of militants for use against Australian troops in any number of global war zones," he said.

Mr Della-Vedova will be eligible for parole in April 2014.

In a letter to *Army* (published on Page 20), he apologises to the Army and the ADF for his actions, which ended his 28-year Army career.

His case is one of the more

extreme criminal offences committed by ADF members each year.

Chief of Army Lt-Gen Peter Leahy said all soldiers should "consider the consequences" of their actions and have the moral courage to act in an honourable and ethical manner in line with Army's values.

"If you are considering committing illegal offences at work, whether it is theft or another offence which brings you, your unit or the Army into disrepute, then think again. You will be caught, tried and punished," Lt-Gen Leahy said.

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# 4 NEWS

# Fixing soldiers and careers

By Michael Brooke

PTE Troy Jones is one of a growing number of soldiers whose careers have been salvaged after they injured themselves during Initial Employment Training (IET).

The Training Rehabilitation Wing (TRW) at the School of Military Engineering in Moorbank has treated more than 50 soldiers who have gone on to deploy on operations.

Before the Army established the TRW (originally known as the Combat Arms Training Wing) in 2003, injured soldiers such as Pte Jones would have faced an uncertain future and even medical discharge from the Army.

When Pte Jones first injured himself during IET at the School of Infantry back in 1991 there was no proper rehabilitation program in place, so he was medically discharged.

He refused to give up on his dream of serving and he rejoined the Army in 2007. Unfortunately, he was again injured during IET. But this time the Army had a proper rehabilitation program in place. He is recovering from a shoulder reconstruction operation and will soon return to the School of Infantry to complete his training.

"It's fantastic that the Army now has such a comprehensive rehabilitation program in place," he said. "I am receiving the rehabilitation treatment I need to fully recuperate which will allow me to continue my career as an infantry soldier."

The TRW has the staff, modern facilities and accommodation to care for 80 injured soldiers.

Pte Brendan Dalrymple said he was "overwhelmed by the dedication and care shown by the physiotherapists and PTIs who are working hard" to help him to recuperate.

"I know other injured soldiers will find it comforting both mentally and physically to know that the TRW will help them get back on their feet again," he said.

Lt Sandy Worboys, OIC TRW, said 35 injured soldiers were currently being treated at TRW and about 80 per cent of them would return to duty.

Lt Worboys said the rehabilitation was a three-phase process.

In Section One, injured soldiers undergo intensive physiotherapy and medical treatment at IHSB with specialists throughout Sydney. After

a number of weeks, depending on the injury, a soldier will advance to Section Two, where the focus is on a fitness regime designed to regain the ability to run and increase cardiovascular fitness. Section Three is where the soldiers develop their strength and fitness to pass a BFA and a CFA, which will help determine if they are fit to return to their training establishments.

Lt Worboys said soldiers needed to understand and appreciate that, because of the TRW, some injuries that would previously result in an automatic discharge were now assisted through the medical process.

"Soldiers shouldn't feel the need to hide injuries in fear of medical discharge, because by coming to the TRW they can receive intensive and appropriate treatment and are surrounded by specialists who, in most cases, can rehabilitate them to Army fitness standards," she said.

She said the injured soldiers had long and busy days with physiotherapy and PT in the morning, followed by general military lessons and classes in the afternoon.

Sig Beth Dodson is one of the 52 Army personnel who recuperated at TRW and have since deployed on operations.

"One of the really good things about going to TRW is that it allowed for the concentration of my rehabilitation, while not having to worry about the training requirements of my IET trade," she said. "I left TRW with a higher physical strength and higher muscle ratio than I have ever had before."

Sig Dodson deployed on Operation Slipper soon after making a full recovery from stress fractures in both shins and returning to ICSR.

Lt-Col David Collins, SOI Health, TC-A, said thanks to the TRW and the support provided by IHSB, "70 per cent of soldiers referred to TRW are still serving in the Army who may otherwise have had their careers cut short by injury".

Lt-Col Collins said the success of the TRW was due to a cooperative relationship between TC-A, IHSB, the NSW Area Health Service and the ADF Rehabilitation Program.

He said the costs associated with the rehabilitation of injured soldiers were significant but were outweighed by the benefit to the Army of retaining the skills and services of motivated diggers.



Helping hand: A physiotherapist treats an injured soldier undergoing a rehabilitation program at the Training Rehabilitation Wing. Photo by George Petrovski

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## Military justice review

THE effectiveness of military justice reforms over the past two years will be the subject of an independent review.

Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon announced the review when he opened the Australian Centre for Military Law and Justice in Canberra on May 8.

The review team invites submissions on the reformed military justice system. For details visit [www.defence.gov.au/mjs](http://www.defence.gov.au/mjs).

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# Coral honour a first

By Cpl Andrew Hetherington

ARMY's first honour title was presented to 102 Fd Bty by Governor-General Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery during a service at the Mount Pleasant Artillery Memorial in Canberra on May 14.

The Honour Title Coral was bestowed on the unit for the dedicated service and sacrifice made by its members during the Battle of Coral in Vietnam, fought on May 13 and 16, 1968.

Maj-Gen Jeffery paid tribute to the unit's members, who fought hard to repel a large advancing North Vietnamese force at Fire Support Base Coral 40 years ago.

"In all the battles and clashes that took place in the sustained and heavy fighting, the guns were always there, invariably providing close, accurate and immediate support to their infantry, armoured, engineer and cavalry colleagues in need," he said.

"[The battery] itself was assaulted and bombarded and temporarily lost a gun, yet in these hectic and very tough battle conditions, the gun crews stuck brilliantly and bravely to their task of supporting their infantry, armour and cavalry comrades, even though at times they were firing over open sights at a determined enemy assault force closing on their own gun lines."

Col Ian Ahearn (ret'd), who in 1968 served as a gun position officer in the unit, made an address reflecting on what the award meant to former members.

"This is our day; this is a gunner's day, you should be filled with pride and melancholy," Col Ahearn said.

"The melancholy is for those who can't be here, for those who we lost and for those who have passed away since."

But this is also a day of pride, a day of commemoration and presentation that you will remember for some time."

Receiving the title on behalf of the veterans, CO 8/12 Mdm Regt Lt-Col Craig Furini said he was honoured to be asked to be involved in such a significant occasion by the members of the battery.

"More importantly, it was great to see them, after waiting so long, to finally receive the recognition they deserve," Lt-Col Furini said.

To end the service, 8/12 Mdm Regt gunners fired two M2A2 guns in memory of the two gunners killed during the battle.

In a related ceremony on May 13, 12 Fd Regt also received an honour when a commemorative plaque in its name was dedicated at the Australian War Memorial.

More than 350 veterans and guests attended the event.

The plaque was unveiled by ex-soldiers of 12 Fd Regt, 161 Fd Bty RNZ Artillery and 131 Div Loc Bty.

Les Partridge, RSM of the regiment from 1966-1969, thanked all who attended and said the plaque was a significant reminder of the efforts of the soldiers of the regiment who fought during the Vietnam War.

"We would like to thank the director of the Australian War Memorial, Maj-Gen Steve Gower (ret'd), for allowing the 12 Fd Regt Vietnam Association to place the plaque in the memorial's grounds," Mr Partridge said.

"It's a permanent reminder to all Australians of the service and sacrifices made by the members of 12 Fd Regt during its two tours of duty in South Vietnam."

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**Special moment:** Guns are fired in memory of Gnr Christopher James Sawtell and Gnr Ian James Scott, HQ Bty, 12 Fd Regt, RAA.  
Photo by Glenn Alderton



**Recognition:** Governor-General Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery presents Lt-Col Craig Furini with the Honour Title Coral.  
Photo by Glenn Alderton



**Memorial:** The 12 Fd Regt commemorative plaque unveiled at the War Memorial by Vietnam veterans.  
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## 6 NEWS

# NT task 'an honour'

By Gnr Shannon Joyce

DEFENCE members and public servants involved in the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) have risen to the challenge for a "noble cause", according to NTER operational commander Maj-Gen Dave Chalmers.

As the Federal Government's 12-month review mark for the intervention in NT Aboriginal communities approaches, Maj-Gen Chalmers presses on with his community engagement visits to gauge progress on the ground.

"The 12-month review of the intervention mid this year is not to assess the metric of how well we have done in rolling things out, which is my concern, but the broader issue of whether the intervention measures are having the sort of effects in communities that the government wants to have," he said.

Maj-Gen Chalmers is responsible for coordinating the intervention's various government departments in their work in remote communities. Run as a whole-of-government operation, the intervention's long-term goal is to bring about a permanent improvement to living standards and conditions in indigenous communities.

While the roll-out of emergency measures to remote communities is still occurring, Maj-Gen Chalmers is travelling widely to maintain dialogue and community confidence.

"Establishing that stable platform within indigenous communities to build further measures and better shape current ones is an important part of the intervention's initial phase," he said.

"Our first challenge under the intervention has been to create a break from the alcohol-induced domestic violence that occurs in some communities, through the introduction of new laws, and an increase in the policing presence.

"We also wanted to better coordinate government activity in com-



Welcome: Barunga School principal Anita Painter introduces Maj-Gen Dave Chalmers to her students during his visit to the school near Katherine in the Northern Territory.

Photo by Gnr Shannon Joyce

munities through the introduction of government business managers, and begin the work of assessing the health problems that children face in communities through the child health checks – and we're absolutely on schedule in rolling-out those measures."

For a city boy from Melbourne

who grew up with little exposure to Aboriginal Australia, Maj-Gen Chalmers confesses his role in the intervention has been tremendously challenging.

"In this particular job I've been required to provide advice to government on employment issues, welfare

reform, the quarantining of people's income, children's education and measures to encourage kids to go to school – quite out of the normal day-to-day experience of an ADF officer," he said.

"My background in the military has been assisting those overseas, so to

have the opportunity to bring that experience as an ADF officer to Australians in need, is quite an honour."

Successfully navigating the departmental complexities to bring about the whole-of-government approach is a part of his job that he credits to his ADF training and experience.

"As professionals in the profession of arms, we probably receive more training and preparation for our job than any other," he said.

His role commanding Australia's joint taskforce assisting with humanitarian relief in Aceh after the 2004 tsunami explains the decision to appoint him as NTER operational commander.

In summarising the wider contribution Defence has made to the intervention through Operation Outreach, Maj-Gen Chalmers said the logistical support by Norforce in getting child health teams out to communities and ensuring they were settled and able to do their work, was very important.

"I know this role has taken Norforce away from their normal training, and has required them to operate at quite a high tempo, but it's really made the difference, and I'm sure it would have been almost impossible to get the child health check teams out to these remote communities in the time frames that we've done, had we not had Norforce support," he said.

"I think the ADF's work on the intervention shows we're an institution that is not only critical to the defence of the nation, but one that can also rise to the challenge of an operation such as the NT Emergency Response."

Maj-Gen Chalmers is proud of the NTER operations centre's efforts so far and the positive effects the intervention is having on communities.

"It's a privilege to work with our indigenous people during such an important and historic time in their lives, and to help make communities a safer and happier place for children to grow up in," he said.

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## Boer memorial dedication

DESCENDANTS of both Australia's first VC winner and an officer executed alongside "Breaker" Morant have been invited to a dedication ceremony at the site of the proposed National Boer War Memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra on May 31.

Family members of Capt Neville Howse, who was awarded the VC for rescuing a wounded soldier under fire, and Lt Peter Hancock, executed by firing squad with Lt Harry Morant for shooting Boer prisoners, are expected to attend.

Nigel Webster, a member of the National Boer War Committee, said Col John Lenehan (ret'd) would speak at the ceremony.

"Col Lenehan's grandfather, Maj

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Robert Lenehan, was the founder of the Bushveldt Carbineers, "Breaker" Morant's unit," he said.

Controversy still surrounds the execution of the two Australians, who maintained they had verbal orders from Lord Kitchener to "take no prisoners".

Mr Webster said while the mem-

orial would have a Light Horse theme, an actual design had yet to be decided.

"A national design competition will be held and the Prime Minister will have the final say," he said.

"The National Capital Authority has given us three years to have the memorial completed. We still have to raise a lot more money before it becomes a reality."

May 31 was chosen for the dedication ceremony as it coincides with the 1902 Treaty of Vereeniging, which ended the war.

The ceremony starts at 11am. The Federation Guard will provide the catafalque party. RMC Band will supply a bugler and drummer.

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# Garrison jacket available

By Maj Russell Pryor,  
502 Clothing

ARMY has introduced a garrison jacket to provide more choice in cold weather clothing for soldiers working in an office.

The garrison jacket is designed to fill an identified shortfall which is not met by the utility jacket or the sweater. The garrison jacket does not replace either garment.

In a significant departure from Army Standing Orders Dress, the garrison jacket may be worn with civilian attire. This enables greater use of the garment while simultaneously enabling demonstration of pride in Army. When worn as civilian attire, it does not constitute an item of uniform and the rank slide is to be concealed.

Currently, the utility jacket requires personnel to wear a long-sleeved shirt and a tie, which can be restrictive and is a relatively high-cost alternative for personnel who only wish to wear the jacket to travel to and from work.

Neither the sweater nor the utility jacket provides sufficient protection from light rain or wind. The intention of the garrison jacket is to provide the wearer with protection from cold or wet weather for short periods of time. Some examples of when the jacket may be worn are:

- ▶ travel on public transport from home to an office;
- ▶ travel within Australia using air transportation while on approved duty;
- ▶ moving from one office to another within a garrison area such as a barracks or a military area; for example, Victoria Barracks, Sydney or the Puckapunyal Military Area; and
- ▶ conducting personal administration while in uniform.

The jacket is embellished with the Australian Army Badge and no other embellishments are to be worn with the garrison jacket, such as the ATRN badge, unit awards, commendations, ribbon bar or medals.

Polyester rank slides have been designed for warrant officers, NCOs and junior ranks and these are to be worn exclusively on the jacket. These are being manufactured and will be available from local clothing stores soon. Until these are available, DPCU rank slides can be worn.

The jacket is an optional item which may be purchased by members and is not to be worn with any variant of disruptive camouflage uniform. Army personnel will be able to purchase the garrison jacket through clothing stores for about \$80. It will be available from area clothing stores from the end of June.



Smart look: The new garrison jacket.

## ARTC takes charity lead

By Sgt Dave Morley

STAFF and recruits at ARTC Kapooka have dug deep into their pockets – and their reserves of fitness – to support local charities.

Commandant ARTC Kapooka Col Bill Hanlon recently presented six charities with a \$10,000 donation on behalf of staff and recruits.

This came hot on the heels of the Chariots for Charity Race, won by a team of ARTC PTIs, who raised \$3200 in the process.

And Col Hanlon will soon present about \$3500-\$4000, the proceeds of fundraising at last month's Kapooka Services Spectacular, to the Kapooka Early Childhood Centre.

Col Hanlon said that ARTC had a very effective charities committee that supported the local community.

"As well as supporting the Charles Sturt University and IAFE scholarships, about twice a year we donate funds to local organisations that provide support in a number of ways and that we deem to be worthy recipients of our support," he said.

Charities benefiting from ARTC's generosity include Wagga Wagga Legacy, Lihier Lodge, Sunflower House, Mission Australia Riverina,



Hoofing it: The ARTC PTIs in the process of raising \$3200.

Photo by Darryl Gibbs

Wagga Women's Refuge Centre and Kurrajong Early Intervention Service.

As well as fundraising activities within the Kapooka Military Area, members also regularly participate in fundraising activities such as the Chariots for Charity Race staged by the Wagga Wagga Lions Club.

The winning team of Sgts Neil McCallum and Mick Chatin, and Cpls Christian Brown, Kristen Patel and Jason Brand defeated six other teams, including a RAAF team.

Lions Club organiser Bob Smith said, "It was good to see the Army boys win after the RAAF won it the previous two years."

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## 8 NEWS

# Policing HQ now open

By Cpl Corinne Boer

NEW policing technology was on display at the official opening of the ADF Investigative Service (ADFIS) Headquarters in Canberra on May 16.

The ADFIS brings together about 150 specialist policing personnel from the Navy, Army, Air Force and APS who will conduct complex and serious disciplinary and criminal investigations.

Provost Marshal ADF Col Tim Grutzner said all members of ADFIS were committed to developing a professional, credible and responsive investigative agency.

"One year ago we amalgamated the investigative capabilities of the three services into a single unit and this was achieved without stopping work," Col Grutzner said.

The 2005 Senate Military Justice Inquiry and the Defence Investigative Capability Audit identified the need for new technologies and improved resourcing for Service Police. Investigators require access to the best possible technology and investigative tools to support the identification and collection of forensic evidence that is critical in some cases.

"We now have state-of-the-art forensic equipment to support the core investigator function," Col Grutzner



See here: Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support Dr Mike Kelly, views some of the equipment used by the ADF Investigative Service.

Photo by Glenn Alderton

said. "We have a new incident scene camera, the latest finger-printing equipment and DNA collection and interpretation equipment."

The headquarters consists of a number of specialist branches, including Policy, Development and Learning.

"We have a dedicated office called the Service Police Central Records Office which holds all the investiga-



Kit check: PO Odeane Wykes, Cpl Jodie Riddock and Sgt Paul Judges familiarise themselves with new ADFIS equipment. Photo by Cpl Corinne Boer

tion records for the three Services," Col Grutzner said.

"There is also a new criminal intelligence capability which enables us to be proactive instead of just reacting to reports of offences, so we can identify those areas which might become important to Defence."

The headquarters commands 22 unit locations around Australia, a per-

manent office in Butterworth and six deployed locations, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands.

"This gives us the capability to quickly respond to incidents," Col Grutzner said. "We can now reallocate resources to respond to incidents effectively and efficiently."

Parliamentary Secretary for

Defence Support Dr Mike Kelly officially opened the ADFIS Headquarters.

Seventy-five guests attended, including CDF and investigative authorities from the Inspector General's Division and the Defence Security Authority. Representatives of the three Service Chiefs also attended as did senior Australian Federal Police and Australian Crime Commission members.

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On the front line: WO2 Scott Oben mentors Iraqi Police Special Weapons and Tactics trainers.  
Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

# Last SWAT class

By Capt Christopher Linden

AUSTRALIAN Army instructors preparing to leave southern Iraq have graduated their last class of Iraqi Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) trainers.

The SWAT team is on the front line of domestic security and regularly engages in counter-insurgency operations.

Training the most skilled SWAT police to be instructors means the Australians are leaving a well-trained security force, able to sustain its skills and operations into the future.

Instructors like WO2 Scott Oben are seeing some great improvement in the Iraqis' skills and attitude.

"The police we trained were keen to learn and by the end of the course had some solid individual and instructing

skills. They will soon be back on the front line, training their fellow police," he said.

The "train the trainer" courses are one of many Australian and coalition training courses aimed at improving the long-term capabilities of the Iraqi security forces. Recent Australian training courses have focused on teaching Iraqis house clearing drills, patrolling skills and cordon and search techniques.



Cooperation: Lt Alex Bearse conducts handover liaison with the US Army in Dhi Qar province.  
Photos by Cpl Michael Davis

## Diggers take US troops on patrols

By Capt Christopher Linden

AUSTRALIA'S drawdown in southern Iraq has entered a new phase, with the departing Overwatch Battle Group embedding their American replacements in familiarisation patrols.

Patrols are taking place in both Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna provinces. The Americans have come away impressed with what the Australians have achieved.

There has been a marked downturn in violence in the three years since the Australians took up 'overwatch' for the area.

OBG(W)4 soldiers are con-



Check: Capt Cameron Spencer at an Iraqi vehicle checkpoint.

ducting mounted and dismounted patrolling, and conducting vehicle checkpoints with Iraqi Security Forces. The patrols allow the Australians to mentor the Iraqis during the checkpoints and assess their overall security skills.

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In service applicants should complete a PE 063 (Application by a Serving Member for Appointment as an Officer) and submit their application via their chain of command to Mary-Rose Mulvaney, Personnel Manager, HQ RMC-A. Phone (02) 6265 9492, Fax 6265 9541, Email: mary-rose.mulvaney@defence.gov.au by 4 June 2008.

- Complete an Army Officer Selection Board in the week 16 - 20 June 2008
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## 10 WORLD NEWS

# Trainers making progress

The Iraqis are grateful for the efforts of the Australian Army Training Team Iraq, **Cpl Mike McSweeney** reports.

AFTER the morning's mission brief, Australian Army Training Team Iraq (AATTI) 9 members gear up and move out in their Bushmasters, bound for Camp Ur.

At the Iraqi Army training camp, Cpl Rod Pinder takes two Dragonov MR-91s sniper rifles to an advanced marksmanship course.

Iraqi sniper Ali Kalaf says he has drilled three rounds into the same hole with an MR-91.

Using gestures and broken English, he indicates not only his approval for the Russian-made weapon, but for the

Australian trainers who are helping to rebuild the Iraqi Army.

"It's one of the biggest challenges I've come across," Cpl Pinder says of his role.

In Australia, he is a vehicle mechanic with 15 Tpt Sqn in Bendigo. In Iraq, he is a specialist course instructor with AATTI 9.

The role of mentoring soldiers from a different military culture has been challenging for the training team, but there has been progress.

"I was with them all day and they appeared to be good at what they were doing," Cpl Pinder says.



**Mentor:** Capt Peter Howden, AATTI 9, gives a helping hand to an Iraqi recruit during a live-fire practice.

Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

At the rifle range, a recruit course is conducting an elementary shoot and hundreds of Jundi (basic soldiers) sit or squat, waiting for their turn on the firing mound.

Already the wind has picked up, blowing dust across the range and into unprotected eyes.

There is a mix of experience with the recruits. Some have owned AK-47s and have a rough idea what they're doing. Others are clearly first-timers.

This is about as hands-on as the AATTI gets with recruits as their role is usually about training the trainers. Iraqi Maj Firas Al Rekebi joins in the

demonstration and soon the recruit is firing like a pro. It is a great display of cooperation and a small win for the Australian trainers.

The new Iraqi Army is in a phase of high growth, and some of the soldiering skills taught at Kapooka don't always get taught to these Jundi.

They will either be taught the skills at their unit – 10 division – or learn them in battle, as 10 Div realises its mission of self-reliance.

Maj Al Rekebi says he is grateful for the Australian trainers who have passed on their experience.

"When Australian forces leave, I think that the new Iraqi Army will not need any other armies because of the experience of Australian forces. Many thanks for helping the Iraqi Army," he says.

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## Another first for Lancers

By Cpl Mike McSweeney

NSW-based soldiers have just made a trifecta.

Not only was 12/16HRL the first 2 Div unit to receive Bushmasters, then to run a course outside of Puckapunyal, but they have now deployed under their own banner.

Normally deployed on operations to augment B Sqn, 3/4 Cav Regt, a section of Hunter River Lancers are currently serving in Iraq with AATTI 9.

Crew commander Tpr Derek Whittaker said the section provided protected mobility to the team using Bushmaster Infantry Mobility Vehicles.

"My job is to escort the training team tactically to and from our base out to where they do their job," Tpr Whittaker said.

"I man the weapon system for the vehicle, because I'm the guy who's out looking for IEDs and bad guys on the side of the road, and I also maintain communications with my crew. I make sure the vehicle is ready to go at any moment, and always keep one step ahead."

CO AATTI 9 Lt-Col Alby Hughes said it had taken a few weeks to bring the reservists up to the required level of efficiency, but that he was impressed with the result.

"We had a training program for



**Up to speed:** LCpl Chris Linch, Tpr Derek Whittaker, and LCpl Daniel Thompson, 12/16HRL, with Iraqi recruits at Camp Ur.

Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

the first few weeks in country where these guys were brought up to speed on IMV operations," Lt-Col Hughes said.

"Where we can, we also cut them away to the battle group to go on patrols. They've really benefited from being within an operational environment and working with Combat Team Hoeler."

Lt-Col Hughes said the Bushmaster drivers and crew commanders were an integral part of the training team.

"They've done an outstanding

job. They've stood up and done everything asked of them and more, to the point now where they're as capable as their counterparts in the battle group," he said.

Tpr Whittaker said he was honoured to be given the opportunity to serve overseas, and encouraged other reservists to remain operationally focused.

"Don't think that being a reservist you're not going to go overseas," Tpr Whittaker said. "If you put in and do all your courses, you may get asked to go overseas as well."



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## WORLD NEWS 11

# Mud school replaced

By Capt Christopher Linden

AUSTRALIAN soldiers and Al Gharref's mayor have opened a new \$350,000 school in Iraq's Dhi Qar province, providing a better learning environment for more than 200 children.

The school replaces one built of mud and straw and the construction has been possible because of the stable security situation in the district.

The mayor of Al Gharref district, Mohammed Jabber Zuhair Al Khafaji thanked the Australians for their role in security and praised the local security forces.

"The security situation is very good, not just in Al Gharref, but also in the province as a whole. When problems do arise they only last for a few days then disappear again ... what remains are issues that the police or the Iraqi Army can solve," he said.

Civil-Military Cooperation Project Officer Capt Leslie Tobin said the school would "have a positive impact on these children and the children of the future".

Generations of children from the rural village of Al Salim, near Al Gharref, had



**Secure:** Mayor Mohammed Al Khafaji and OC Combat Team Heeler Maj Matthew Campbell open the school.

Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

been attending the mud-school, a collection of mud-brick and reed-roofed buildings. When it rained, the roof leaked and the children had to endure muddy floors and walls and the central assembly area became a mud-hole.

The new Al Akhbar school has six modern classrooms, an office, storerooms, toilets, septic tank and a sealed all-weather courtyard.

The Australian battle group funded the construction of the new school, using local contractors.



**Stay vigilant:** CDF ACM Angus Houston wishes members of Combat Team Heeler a safe return, telling them they could be proud of what they had achieved in Iraq.

Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

## CDF visits Iraq task groups

By Capt Christopher Linden

CDF Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston has visited the soon to depart Australian task groups based at Tallil in southern Iraq.

ACM Houston told members of Overwatch Battle Group (West) 4 and Australian Army Training

Team Iraq 9 that they should be proud of what they had achieved.

"You have done the job you have been sent to do ... you have trained and mentored many members of the Iraqi security forces and maintained security in two provinces," he said.

ACM Houston praised the

troops for their high patrol and training tempo.

He told them they could be proud of what they had achieved in Iraq.

The CDF asked the soldiers to remain vigilant right up to the end of the mission and wished them a safe return to Australia.



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## 12 WORLD NEWS

# Chaplain caught in Burma cyclone

By Sgt Dave Morley

A 16 AD Regt chaplain who was in Thailand and then travelled to Burma in a private capacity to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Death Railway found himself caught in Burma's devastating cyclone.

Chap Lyall Cowell accompanied a group of 25 Australians, including five children of POWs who died on the railway, on a pilgrimage to the area.

Chap Cowell was in a room on the 17th floor of the 23-storey Traders Hotel in Rangoon when Cyclone Nargis hit.

"The noise was immense. It started about 11 o'clock Friday night and went until around 3 o'clock Saturday morning," he said.

"There were winds of up to 240km/h. The window in my room blew in. After that I went and hid in the bathroom.

"We were lucky ... we only had a few windows blown in and a flagpole ripped out. Other hotels were flattened."

Chap Cowell said when it got light about 6am he went down to the lobby to see what was happening.

"There were big sheets of iron flying 10 or 15 feet high through the air. It was amazing," he said.



**Prayer:** Chap Lyall Cowell conducts a service at the Australian War Cemetery at Thanbyuzayat in Burma.

### AUSTRALIAN AID

AN RAAF C17 Globemaster from RAAF Base Richmond touched down in Burma on May 13 loaded with 31 tonnes of cyclone aid. The Australian Government directed that Operation Nargis Assist provide emergency aid to the Burmese people. The relief supplies, from the ADF and AusAID, include water containers, purification tablets, linen, blankets, tarpaulins and medical supplies. Australia has also given \$25 million in aid to Burma.

"The older colonial-style buildings stood up to it better than the newer ones. Groups of locals with saws and machetes came out to clear the streets of fallen trees, but there was no organisation.

"The airport was shut on the Saturday and Sunday but we all got out on the Monday. We couldn't do anything to help."

Before travelling into Burma, Chap Cowell officiated at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Hellfire Pass in Thailand.

He also conducted memorial services at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, where 1600 Australians are buried, and the infamous 'Cholera Hill'.

"There were about 500 people at Hellfire Pass and about 700 at the Kanchanaburi service," he said.

The group walked parts of the railway including the River Kwai Bridge, Cholera Hill and Wampo Viaduct in Thailand.

"We travelled into southern Burma to hold a memorial service for the 1400 Australians buried at the Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery," Chap Cowell said.

He said getting to the site required a 10-hour road trip from Rangoon. He hoped that more Australians would make the trip to visit the graves.



**Suspended:** Spr Paul Waddell, Cpl Andrew Nelson and Spr Steven Burgess shift steel sub-structure into position.

## Bridge of memory

SAPPERS from Rifle Company Butterworth 81 have left their mark on the Thai-Burma railway.

Six engineers helped build a 500m suspended walkway to connect the Hellfire Pass Museum to the Hellfire Pass Cutting of the railway, which was opened on Anzac Day and was used by the RCB 81 catafalque party during the dawn service.

One thousand Australian and British POWs built Hellfire Pass during 12-18 hour days over six weeks in 1943. Seven hundred Allied prisoners died during its construction, includ-

ing 69 who were beaten to death by their Japanese guards.

The RCB 81 sappers worked with UK Royal Engineers, civilian tradesmen and Burmese construction workers.

The Australian engineers lived and worked on the railway for four weeks to complete the task coordinated by Defence Attaché Bangkok Col John Blaxland.

The sappers were with Support Coy, 5RAR, which returned home earlier this month from the deployment to Butterworth in Malaysia.

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## 14 FEATURES



**Historic setting:** Contingent members visit the site of the famous charge of the Light Horse at Beersheba. In the background is the city, now known as Be'er-Sheva, where the newly dedicated Park of the Australian Soldier is located. Photo by Cpl Corinne Boer



# Proud

The unveiling of the Park of the Australian Soldier had special meaning for the contingent members who travelled to Israel for the ceremony, **Cpl Corinne Boer** reports.

**A**T SUNSET on October 31, 1917, more than 1500 Turkish guns blazed as 500 horsemen from the 4th and 12th Light Horse Regiments galloped towards the trenches, bayonets at the ready.

The Turkish infantry, caught by surprise, had forgotten to lower their rifle-sights and the bullets were flying over the Australians' heads.

As British batteries shelled the Turkish outposts the horsemen's laughs turned to shouts when they leaped into the trenches and broke the defensive line.

The Battle of Beersheba was a pivotal moment in the Sinai/Palestine campaign of World War I, leading to the defeat of Turkish forces at Jerusalem and Damascus.

Almost 91 years later, a contingent of seven World War II veterans and 35 soldiers visited Israel for the dedication of the Park of the Australian Soldier in the city now known as Be'er-Sheva. The soldiers were mostly from 4/19PWLH and 12/16HRL, descendant units of those that participated in the charge, an event immortalised by the park's centrepiece.

The nearly 40°C heat was felt instantly by the contingent members when they arrived in Israel four days earlier with 600kg of luggage. Israel's security is one of the most stringent in the world and getting the unit guidons and lances through proved a challenge. Soldiers hoisted the 3m casing on their shoulders and manoeuvred them carefully through the airport terminals. 4/19PWLH Bandiana Depot Commander WO2 Stephen Russell said to his knowledge this was the first time the guidons had left Australia.

"The guidons are priceless items for the respective regiments," WO2 Russell said. "When they were going through the scanners the gold braiding raised some eyebrows, which resulted in a few searches."

The contingent had just a day to rehearse for the event, which was conducted with members of the Multinational Force and Observers from Sinai.

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# connection with past

WO2 Russell rated the dedication ceremony as the most significant activity he had been involved in.

"I have visited Gallipoli, attended the military funeral of Australian soldiers at Kranji War Cemetery in Singapore and the ADF anniversary parade at Beersheba," WO2 Russell said. "I can't separate the other three trips, but this trip would be on the top."

The event was extra special for soldiers who had relatives involved in the charge.

Pte Renae Heydon, 12/16HRL, said she was pleased to be involved in the ceremony.

"My great-grandfather joined up and was at Beersheba. He was involved in World War II as well," Pte Heydon said. "My grandmother found out that I was going to Israel just before I left. She was proud and happy that I was going."

4/19PWLH Sale Depot Commander Sgt David Ahchow said his grandfather was in the 3rd and 4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance and treated the wounded soldiers after the charge.

"He survived the war and went home. He received three medals, like most people involved in the campaign," Sgt Ahchow said. "I was very emotional during the ceremony. I had my grandfather's medals with me. I didn't wear them on parade, but I wore them after the service. So it was a special family link for me."

After the dedication ceremony the soldiers visited the site of the charge. Just like their predecessors, the soldiers gathered at the site at half-light. As the light faded, the city of Be'er-Sheva glinted in the distance. A cool evening breeze rustled the soldiers' magnificent emu plumes while they took a moment to reflect.



**Centrepiece:** Tpr Matt Costello in front of Peter Corlett's sculpture, the main feature of the Park of the Australian Soldier.

Photo by Cpl Corinne Boer

"Going out to the site of the charge was incredible," Sgt Ahchow said. "To stand there and think back to what happened there almost 91 years ago and to actually see where my grandfather rode was really special."

"This is my first time ever out of Australia and to come half way around the world to Beersheba is phenomenal. For many of the soldiers the trip is the highlight of their Army career, but this is the highlight of my life," Sgt Ahchow said.



**Charge's aftermath:** Dead and riderless horses on the battlefield after the charge are shown in this photo found among the possessions of Pte Fred McPherson (right), the grandfather of Sgt David Ahchow (far right).



Tpr Matthew Costello, 4/19PWLH, was also making his first overseas trip with the Army.

"Being part of the ceremony was hard work because it was so hot, but everyone performed well on the day," Tpr Costello said.

The soldiers formed a strong connection with the veterans, who were ex-members of assorted Light Horse units. Many of the veterans shared their history with soldiers keen to learn from them.

"They are all 60 years older than we are and

had really long days but they handled it well," Tpr Costello said.

Cpl Stephen Coxhead, 12/16HRL, had goose bumps on the back of his neck as he marched to the band during the dedication ceremony.

"It was really moving at the end of the ceremony when the crowd applauded as we marched out," Cpl Coxhead said. "One of my favourite parts during the ceremony was when the Turkish diplomat spoke; his speech was genuinely heartfelt and not just out of politeness."



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## 16 FEATURES

# Chinook challenge

How long does it take to tear down a Chook? Members of 5 Avn Regt provide answers to the most frequently asked questions.

### How many people does it take to tear down a Chinook?

Minimum of eight: six Aircraft Technicians (ACTECH) and two Avionics Technicians (AVTECH). More economical with 12 personnel (10 ACTECH and 2 AVTECH).

### How long does it take?

With eight personnel, 48 hours; with 12 personnel, 18 hours.

### What is the process of taking apart the aircraft?

First items off are the forward rotor blades and their shock absorbers, at the same time tradesmen will be removing sealant around the aft pylon. Once all three forward rotor blades have been removed and stowed inside the aircraft, the aft rotor blades are then removed in the same manner and stowed inside the aircraft.

While this is happening a crew removes the forward transmission, flight control rods, #1 and #2 driveshafts, hydraulic pumps and several hydraulic lines. At the same time the #9 driveshaft is removed, flight controls are disconnected and two hydraulic pumps disconnected in preparation for the removal of the aft transmission.

The forward transmission is removed and the aft transmission is lowered and they are both fitted on to stands that are stowed inside the aircraft.

The combining transmission fairing (clamshell) doors are removed, and the combining transmission fan and blower duct are removed (due to the height restriction when loaded into the C-17). All the skin pin bolts (66) are removed from the aft pylon, hydraulic lines are disconnected, engine fire bottles are disconnected and the aft vertical shaft is secured.

The aft pylon is then removed and fitted on to a stand. All the antenna on the underside of the aircraft are removed, the centre cargo hook is slowed and the aft cargo hook is removed. The aircraft is defuelled and the landing gear struts are adjusted.

### How is it packed away? Where are the aft pylon packed? Where are the rotors packed?

All items removed are packed into the cabin, rotor blades on the left, transmissions front right, and all other parts are wrapped and packed into two large containers that sit behind the transmissions on the right hand side. The aft pylon,

being so large, is stowed separately on the C-17.

### How is the Chinook transported to Afghanistan?

The aircraft is loaded on to a Boeing C-17 Globemaster 3.

### How many people does it take to rebuild a Chinook?

Twelve personnel is the most economical number.

### How long does a rebuild take?

With 12 personnel (10 ACTECH and two AVTECH), 24 hours. This time does not include test flying post build up.

### What is the process of rebuilding the aircraft?

Pretty much the reverse of the tear down. The aft pylon is refitted, transmissions are installed, forward and aft blades installed, driveshafts installed (#1, 2 and 9), flight controls reconnected and hydraulic lines re-fitted. All fairings are then re-fitted (forward transmission fairing and combining transmission fairing), as are the antenna and the cargo hook. After the re-build has been complete the aircraft will then perform several test flights to re-test its systems.



Preparation: A Chinook undergoing tear down at Kandahar Air Field in 2007 ahead of its return to Australia. Photo by Capt Lachlan Simons

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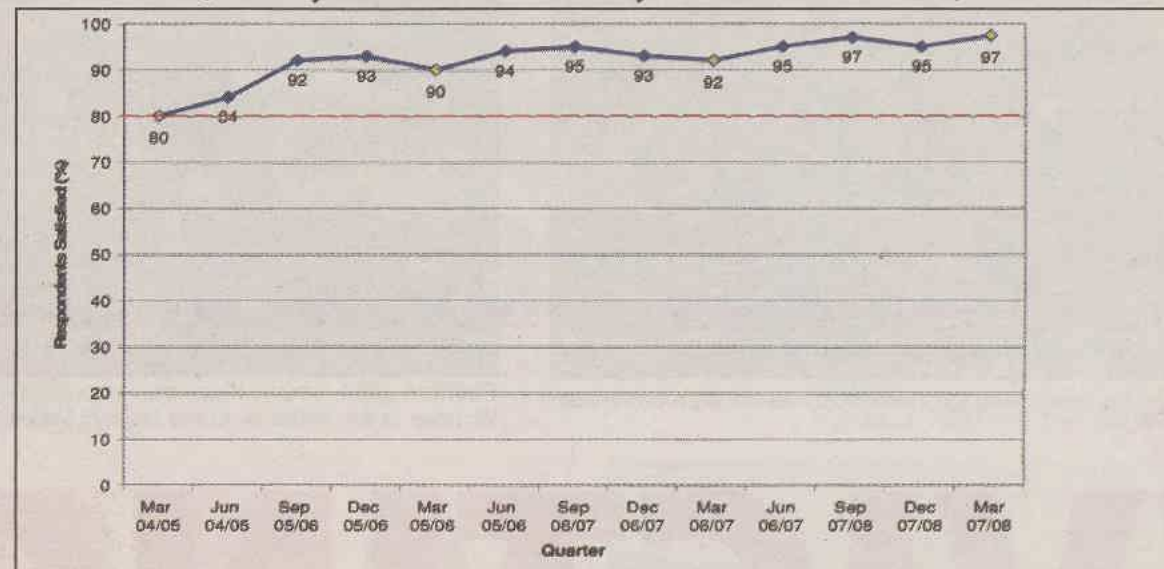
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A random sample of ADF members who had either responsive or after-hours emergency maintenance work completed at their dwelling are contacted by telephone to complete the survey.

Quarterly maintenance survey results March 2007/08



In March of 2007-08, 1671 ADF tenants were randomly chosen to complete the survey.

The results of survey were very positive:

- Of the members (1623 people) who had work completed during the quarter, 97% (1581) were satisfied with the overall maintenance service.
- This is up four percent on figures from the same quarter in the previous year.
- DHA's customer service performance showed that of the 1616 respondents, 93% (1501) of respondents were satisfied with DHA customer service.
- This is a rise of two percent when compared with the March 06/07 result (91%).

- The main reasons for dissatisfaction were DHA taking too long to organise the job and the member having to follow up.

- Of the 1611 respondents, 1572 (98%) respondents were satisfied with contractor services. This is up four percent on last year.

- The main reasons for dissatisfaction with contractor service were quality of workmanship and the tenant having to clean up after the contractor.

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**Laughter:** Pte Adam Tanner engages with local kids during a patrol near FOB Lyddiard.



**Position:** Cpl Andrei Mazourenko positions his section near FOB Worsley at the entrance to the Baluchi Valley.



**Engaged:** An RTF 4 soldier with an Afghan man at a vehicle checkpoint near Tarin Kowt.



**In harbour:** Bushmasters provide security at the site for the new forward operating base in the Baluchi Valley.



**Watchful:** Capt Rachel Brennan and RSM WO1 Steven Di Tullio at FOB Lyddiard.

# EVICTING THE TALIBAN



**True grit:** Maj Andrew Dahl talks to his troops after patrolling in Shah Zafar.

Reconstruction Task Force 4 has hit the ground running, pushing into the strongholds of Taliban extremists.

Report by Capt Douglas McGuire, photos by Cpl Neil Ruskin

AUSTRALIAN soldiers have begun a major push into the Taliban heartland of Oruzgan province in southern Afghanistan with the intent of pushing out the Taliban, restoring vital infrastructure and creating a safe environment for the Afghan people.

The push is being spearheaded by engineers, infantry, cavalry and support troops of the Reconstruction Task Force 4.

RTF 4 CO Lt-Col Stuart Yeaman said the task force had moved into the Baluchi region, north of its base at Tarin Kowt, as part of a joint coalition operation.

"This is an area of huge tactical and strategic significance for the Taliban extremists," Lt-Col Yeaman said.

"This is the Taliban's back yard and we are right on their main supply route between Helmand province and their supply bases to the north.

"The aim of this series of operations is to clear out the Taliban, and then build the physical infrastructure – patrol bases particularly – which will allow the Afghan National Army (ANA) and police, with support from the International Security Assistance Force, to dominate these areas."

RTF 4 took over responsibility for its area in April and has already built on work done by the previous rotation, reinforcing patrol bases and carrying out a series of vehicle and foot patrols in the

"green zone" an area of small irrigated farms bordering the desert.

Lt-Col Yeaman said the diggers had received a warm reception from the local people.

"They really seem to welcome our presence here. I think they have a real desire for a peaceful future, and they see our operations with the ANA and the police as a step in the right direction," he said.

"This has been a stronghold for the extremists in the past, and we don't expect that they will simply accept our presence here, and the disruption which we are causing to their operations."

"We have been working very closely with the local military and police and this is having significant spin-offs in terms of starting to build a relationship with the local people."

"Just months ago Taliban extremists were able to operate almost unhindered here, now the situation is very different. It's fair to say that these operations, which are happening across Afghanistan, are having a real, positive impact on the security situation."

He said a delicate balance was required between overcoming the Taliban by force and making them irrelevant through capacity building and winning the hearts and minds of the local population.

"Longer term capacity building will be the way the Taliban is finally defeated. We are seeing clear evidence of that starting to happen here on the ground in Oruzgan province," he said.



**Guardian:** Pte Thomas Saunders provides security for his section near FOB Worsley.



**Accuracy:** Pte Kenneth Richards and Pte Karl Stait bed in mortars at Forward Operating Base Worsley.



**Break time:** Soldiers take a break during a patrol near FOB Worsley in the Baluchi Valley.

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## 20 LETTERS

# Questions over DHOAS lenders

I AM writing about the new Defence Home Owners Assistance Scheme (DHOAS) which takes effect on July 1. I don't understand how, after a so-called rigorous tendering program, the ADF conveniently finished with NAB, Deferedit and ADCU.

I have investigated the pros and cons of the aforementioned lenders and one thing is clear: none of these lenders are offering competitive rates. In fact, after investigation, I found that if you went with the NAB, which is one of the most uncompetitive banks out there, you would end up the same, and in some cases a little worse off, depending on your financial situation.

The big question I would like answered is why there isn't a larger group of the major banks offered, such as the ANZ, Bank West etc? If it is question of administration, surely it is only a matter of entering different BSB and bank account details, which Defence already has.

I thought this was supposed to be a retention incentive, not a way to back soldiers into a corner and dictate to them where and how to spend their hard-earned money.

**Sgt Michael Coggan**  
Soldier Training Section-SQ  
Gallipoli Barracks

**Alan McClelland, Director Relocations and Housing, Defence Support Group, responds:**  
THE tendering process for DHOAS was rigorous and carried out in accordance with Defence and Commonwealth procurement guidelines.

Policy was developed in Professional Support Services after considerable consultation with ADF members.

Procurement processes used by Defence Support Group were overseen by a senior steering group and independent tender evaluation teams were used to evaluate lenders received. Both the steering group and tender evaluation teams contained Service personnel.

The process was scrutinised by an independent probity adviser. The process is available for scrutiny by Management Audit Branch and Australian National Audit Office audit.

Until enabling legislation has been passed by Parliament the home loan providers are not permitted to advertise the products they will be offering. Even so, a sensible examination of the information provided on the intranet at <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/pac/> shows that Sgt Coggan's assessment that members are likely to "end up the same and in some cases a little worse off" using DHOAS is inaccurate.

DHOAS policy has been considered and approved by a range of senior Defence committees and has been endorsed by the CDF and Service Chiefs. The decision to establish a panel of three was taken after considerable discussion. In the end it was decided a panel of three would allow competition between lenders while ensuring financial accountability requirements of the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 are met and that value for money is ensured.

To provide a better understanding of DHOAS a lot more information will be made available once legislation is passed by Parliament. Also, a team will be visiting bases during July and August.

This will give members an opportunity to get a better understanding of the scheme and determine the benefits for them.

# Where are my stripes?

I WAS promoted to sergeant at the start of this year and I'm finding it quite difficult to get items issued that I require.

My area clothing store has not had any sergeant's stripes for polities at all this year and is claiming that there are none in Australia. Also my Q-store is telling me there are no red sashes available either.

Can anyone explain why there is a shortage of these items? It's very frustrating to beg, borrow or steal these items.

**Sgt Matthew Rhodes**  
SRAR  
Robertson Barracks

**WO2 Robert Brown, WO2 Combat Clothing and Kitting, AHQ, responds:**

THANK you for your query in regards to khaki rank insignia for sergeants and the red sash.

I have contacted Defence



**Shortage:** Sergeants' stripes are currently hard to come by.

Materiel Organisation, which advises that shortages also include WO1 and WO2 khaki rank insignia.

The shortages are a result of the need to re-tender for the contract for these items. The re-tendering process had been delayed due to

a shortage in khaki material in Australia, and the samples received from manufacturers failing to meet quality standards.

A contract has been in place, however, the need to ensure that quality assurance standards are met for these items has resulted in critical and unsatisfactory shortages in the availability of these items.

DMO indicated that limited stock of the red sash has arrived at JLU-V with the balance due at the end of May.

Limited stock of the WO1 and WO2 khaki rank insignia is currently being audited for redistribution.

DMO has now approved the pre-production samples and the contractor has indicated that the shortage of khaki material has now been resolved and stocks across the range of khaki rank insignia should be available late May-early June.

# Lamenting a lack of entertaining letters

I READ the May 1 edition of *Army* during the inevitable long wait at the RAP last week, and was shocked to find not a single entertaining or questioning letter to the editor.

In gentler, less warlike times, this was the best reading in ROs Pt 3. (I guess we don't know about them any more either).

The opportunity to offer a critical view or chance an arm on any matter was there for everyone: to show wit and wisdom, occasional ignorance and to ask a (sometimes impossible) question of the management.

I recall long past exchanges about various ration pack items, unit sport, the merits of shaving in the field, the price of a beer in a canteen and mess fees.

Don't we invite letters any more, or are we so serious now that we have lost our sense of humour? The Army I know and love is full of the young and not so young who are expert in asking tough questions and

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extracting urine from the pompous and indefensible. So please, remind them of this great tradition of writing an entertaining letter to *Army*. It was once the single thing that distinguished this paper from its equivalents in other countries.

Maybe you need a text option, but unless you can fix the queue at my RAP, please get the letters to the editor page back in order.

**Brig Chris Appleton**  
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# Sorry for shameful behaviour

I AM writing to express my most sincere and profound apologies to the members of the Australian Army and the ADF.

You may or may not have heard of myself or know what an extremely stupid action I have done, nevertheless my actions have brought shame and dishonour to myself, the Australian Army and the ADF.

To all the friends and mates I have made and had the privilege to meet in my 28 years in the Australian Army, I am truly sorry. The hurt I feel in that I will be unable to look you or any member of the ADF in the eyes again will live with me forever.

I do not expect nor wish any sympathy; my actions are of my doing, although there are some extenuating circumstances I cannot explain, they are still my actions.

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Editor's note: See story Page 3.

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### RAEME reunion

THE Annual RAEME Res/CMF Reunion will be held at Sherwood/Indooroopilly RSL Sub-Branch in Corinda, Queensland, on August 17. Serving and ex-members of RAEME and associated corps are welcome to the sausage sizzle/barbecue. Contact John Parfitt on (07) 3376 1778 or [jparfitt@bigpond.com](mailto:jparfitt@bigpond.com) by August 10.

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## 22 HISTORY

# Facing a determined

In May 1968 Australian troops fought one of their most intense battles during the Vietnam War. **Cpl Andrew Hetherington** talks with two veterans of the Battle of Balmoral.

**M**AJ Peter Phillips, of D Coy, 3RAR, and Maj Hori Howard, of A Coy, 3RAR, were company commanders serving in South Vietnam in May 1968.

That month, 3RAR were tasked to depart their location at Fire Support Base Coogee to establish a new fire support base, named Balmoral.

About 0400hr on May 24, Maj Peter Phillips and his men left FSB Coogee on foot. During the journey they came into frequent contact with the enemy.

"It took us until about 1300hr to get there [FSB Balmoral]. In the early stages, as we marched in the dark, we had to skirt a village. Here, the lead platoon ran into some Vietcong who were carrying food-stuffs to resupply North Vietnamese Army units," Maj-Gen Phillips (retd) said.

"There was an exchange of shots, the VC ran away and afterwards I remember the platoon commander saying to me excitedly: 'We have half a butchered bullock here, what do I do with it?' Other VC carriers left behind bags of sugar and other food supplies."

As they continued their journey, D Coy were involved in a further three contacts before they could stop for some breakfast.

"And then there were even more contacts before we eventually got to the new location," Maj-Gen Phillips said.

"In daylight, we married up with the rest of the battalion and some APCs.

"Usually these big battalion moves had been done by day by helicopter and you tended to arrive late and didn't have much time to set up before dark. In this case, our CO, Lt-Col Jim Shelton, had planned that we move in with the lead companies on foot, commencing before dawn, so as to arrive earlier in the day."

The plan had been made bearing in mind the delayed occupation of FSB Coral earlier in the month, and it gave Maj Phillips and his men time to prepare adequate defences.

"The area we had moved into was fairly flat scrubby country with a large grassy clearing of dry swampland, pockmarked with B52 bomb craters. I had the option of siting the company well back in the scrub or, as we opted, holding right up to the edge where we could get good fields of fire over the clearing," he said.

"We had three platoons forward with reasonable depth. We dug in quickly and put our wire and Claymores out, trying not to disclose our positions by any movement in the clearing."

A troop of tanks from C Sqn, 1 Armoured Regt, joined the battalion on May 25 and two Centurion tanks were positioned with D Coy to reinforce their defences. Things were quiet for Maj Phillips and his men until the early hours of May 26.

"About 0330hr the first attack occurred. There were RPGs and mortars coming in and, sadly, we lost two men



**Reflection:** Maj-Gen Peter Phillips (retd) goes through his collection of photographs taken during his Vietnam War service with 3RAR.  
Photo by Cpl Andrew Hetherington

— Pte Lindsay Brown and Pte John Desnoy — to mortar fire, where unfortunately a bomb actually landed in a rifle pit," Maj-Gen Phillips said.

"It was a savage attack by an North Vietnamese Army regiment and I think we held our own pretty well, but it was to be followed by a much stronger subsequent attack two nights later."

The enemy pulled back before dawn and Maj-Gen Phillips said the Australian lines were not penetrated, although an attempt had been made with Bangalore torpedoes on A Coy's wire.

Maj Hori Howard's A Coy was situated about 150m south of D Coy's position and during the early morning of May 26 also received enemy attention.

"There was fairly heavy mortaring that preceded the attack, which

was pretty accurate, but we were well dug in so the effects were not what the enemy had hoped," Maj-Gen Howard (retd) said.

"I think what the enemy had tried to do in the probes of the first attack was to locate where our machineguns were so they could attack them with rockets later. It was obvious that they were trying to suck out what our reactions would be."

After the events of May 26 in the D Coy position, Maj Phillips and his men went into clean-up mode.

"We picked up eight dead enemy and buried them, but obviously there were a lot more who had been dragged away and others wounded. For the rest of that day we dug like fury and patrolled in the area," Maj-Gen Phillips said.

"During the attack they got first round accuracy with their mor-

tars. We discovered they were able to do this by using people to crawl up to our wire with lengths of string behind them to measure the exact distance for the mortars, which were standing off some 600m or more away."

He said the lengths of cord had been found the next morning and provided evidence that some Vietnamese had been able to get up to or past the listening posts.

On May 26, A Coy lost two of its men — Pte Alan Cooper, killed at FSB Balmoral, and Pte Walter Thomas, killed in a barrage at FSB Coral.

The second attack on May 28 began in a similar way to the first. "It started about 0230hr with 60mm and 82mm mortar and RPG fire ... it was more much more intense than the earlier bombardment," Maj-Gen Phillips said.

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# foe at FSB Balmoral



**Vietnam Days:** Maj Hori Howard (left) speaks to Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen Sir Thomas Daly during Operation Pinnaroo in 1968.

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**Before Balmoral:** Maj Peter Phillips (left) and Sgt Peter Lewis (right) at the D Coy base at Nui Dat shortly after arriving in South Vietnam. Sgt Lewis was killed on May 13, 1968.

Photo courtesy Maj-Gen Phillips (retd)



## BATTLE OUTLINE

ON May 24, 1968, 3RAR was tasked to occupy FSB Balmoral, about 4½ kilometres north of FSB Coral. Two companies arrived in the area by foot and the remainder of the unit followed by helicopter late in the afternoon. This enabled defences to be established without warning the enemy of their presence. Joining them at the location were Centurion tanks from 1 Armd Regt and APCs from 3 Cav Regt. Two major attacks took place during the occupation of the location, one on May 26 and May 28. They were carried out by 165 North Vietnamese Army Regt, with D Coy, 3RAR, bearing the brunt of both the attacks. The two attacks left four Australians dead and 22 wounded. The bodies of 48 NVA soldiers were found and seven POWs were captured.

(Source: 'On the Offensive: The Australian Army in the Vietnam Wars 1967-68' by Ian McNeill and Ashley Elkins.)

"To me, the strength of our defence was our section machine gunners because they kept the enemy off [our position] with sustained fire. This is where the tanks came into their own, firing heavy machine guns and Flechette rounds, and, of course, we had great artillery support, 'Spooky' [a C-47 gunship] and helicopter gunships.

"The enemy did not penetrate our defences, but in the morning we found 42 of them dead on our wire, and we could see that a lot more had been dragged away."

From A Coy's viewpoint, the attack of May 28 began a few minutes before the attack on D Coy.

"We were at 50 per cent stand to because we were expecting an attack," Maj-Gen Howard said.

"The first indication we got that something was on, was the wire being blown in several places by Bangalore torpedoes followed by what I would have to describe as a relatively light ground attack.

"We defeated this attack cas-

ily on the wire with a mixture of Claymores, machinegun fire, mortars and the machineguns on APCs, which were located in our position."

Maj-Gen Howard said it did not take his men long to end the battle.

"There was just sporadic firing from them and we were responding when we saw something," Maj-Gen Howard said.

"But the noise from the other side [at D Coy's position] was quite incredible and we basically had to watch our front and our arcs of fire and keep an eye out to the rear in case some of the enemy broke through."

As the battle continued, he said it was certain the enemy activity around his position was not the main attack, it was a diversion.

"It wasn't pushed home, it only lasted 45 minutes [on our position] and it was fairly obvious to everybody when the attack on D Coy developed that it was the main game [for the enemy] by a long way," Maj-Gen Howard said.

"I was more concerned about D Coy than what I was about us, as it was a big attack and I wondered if they were going to hold them out."

The May 28 attack cost the life of another 3RAR soldier, Pte Jeffrey Worle, which took to four the total of Australians killed at FSB Balmoral. Both A and D Coy held their perimeter intact and the battalion withstood one of the largest assaults by regular NVA forces against Australian troops during the Vietnam War.

On 5 June, 3RAR was withdrawn from FSB Balmoral, returning to Nui Dat in time to meet the Prime Minister, John Gorton.

Both Peter Phillips and Hori Howard were awarded the Military Cross for their service in Vietnam during 1968 and later retired with the rank of major general.

To view the 3RAR Commanders Diary from the Battle of Balmoral period go to [http://www.awm.gov.au/cms\\_images/AWM95/7/AWM95-7-3-61.pdf](http://www.awm.gov.au/cms_images/AWM95/7/AWM95-7-3-61.pdf) and scroll down to page 26.

## THE ROLE OF TANKS

FOUR Centurion tanks from C Sqn, 1 Armd Regt, participated in the battle. They assisted by using Flechette rounds and their machineguns. They travelled from FSB Coral to FSB Balmoral on the morning of May 25, escorted by B Coy, 1RAR. During their journey they were drawn into a fight, eventually suppressing enemy fire and enabling the extraction of a 1RAR platoon. On May 26, C Sqn tanks with soldiers from D Coy, 1RAR, carried out a successful operation on the same enemy position they had come across the day before. They destroyed bunkers with shell and machinegun fire.

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## 24 PERSONNEL

# Leaders in their field

THE first Junior Leaders Course (JLC) held at Gallipoli Barracks was successfully completed with a march-out parade on April 11.

Lt-Col Simon Stuart, CO of the recently re-formed 8/9RAR, reviewed the 87 soldiers on parade.

Capt Roger Briggs, OIC of the Soldier Training Section (South Queensland), said the course participants completed an intense eight weeks of training.

"They have become the newest group of leaders to contribute to the Army's capability," he said.

Awards for best instructor, leadership, military skills and trainee of merit were won by soldiers from 4RAR (Cdo) who had only been back in Australia for two weeks after being deployed to Afghanistan.

"It's important to note their ability to switch from operations to training and then acquit themselves in a professional manner," Capt Briggs said.

The JLC superseded the Subject 1 for Corporal Course, which was last held in December 2007.

"The JLC represents one of the many courses conducted by the recently raised Warrant Officer and NCO Academy," he said.

"The academy is responsible for managing the all corps training for soldiers from private to WO1."

Capt Briggs said the JLC was also conducted at Lavarack Barracks, Holsworthy Barracks, Simpson Barracks and Hampstead Barracks.

"The Soldier Training Sections in each location will conduct four of these courses each year," he said.



Inspection: Lt-Col Simon Stuart, accompanied by Pte Andrea Brunskill, inspects the march-out parade at Gallipoli Barracks. Photo by Sgt Pam Berry

# Review of conditions

THE changing needs of ADF members and their families will be the focus of a new review into the ADF's non-salary related conditions of service for full-time members and reservists.

In 2001 the Nunn Review looked at ADF Remuneration and a series of recommendations have been implemented since that time.

There is now general agreement by the Defence People Committee that the current conditions of service package is in need of review to remove anomalies and to introduce a degree of simplicity and flexibility that is not available through the current package.

This review will examine ways of delivering a suite of conditions of service currently provided to members that are up-to-date, flexible and simple to administer.

The scope of this review, due to end in mid-2009,

incorporates non-salary related ADF conditions of service so it will not cover areas such as salaries or their related allowances, superannuation, FBT or taxation, compensation or deployments.

A project team will consult widely with the personnel areas within each Service, Defence Support Group, Defence Families Australia and the Defence Community Organisation.

ADF members and their families are invited to submit suggestions for improving the ADF's non-salary related conditions of service. All submissions will be considered in shaping a contemporary conditions of service package for the future.

The outcome of the review will be communicated to members and their families once the review process has concluded.

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## Welcome to the 1RAR family

THE newest soldiers of 1RAR marked the end of their initial employment training at a march-out parade on May 10.

The reviewing officer, CO 1RAR Lt-Col Peter Connolly, welcomed the new soldiers from Solace Platoon by telling them they were now part of the 1RAR family.

He reminded them that "everything you do from now on will count" and that they would be "following the standards set by the Anzacs in World Wars I and II."

Three soldiers received awards: Pte Ross Vagg for physical training, Pte Wade Cull for skill at arms and Pte Ryan Learmonth for best soldier.

After the parade, the soldiers' families and friends were treated to weapons and equipment displays, and a tour of the 1RAR historical collection.



Well done: Pte Ryan Learmonth is congratulated by Lt-Col Peter Connolly for being awarded best soldier. Photo by LCpl Mark Doran

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## 26 PERSONNEL

# Women celebrated Appointment an honour

AN event to celebrate the significant contribution made by Australian women to the defence of the nation both in peacetime and during conflict will be held at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks on June 1.

The Celebration of Women in Defence event will bring together former and serving members of the ADF as well as current and former Defence public servants.

Maj-Gen Liz Cosson, Head of National Operations in the Defence Support Group, will be an official guest at the event.

Event organiser Maj Wendy Quayle said the celebration aimed to gather a cross-section of women, from those who served in World War II up to the present.

"It's about paying tribute to the key role played by women in Defence, and ensuring that their endeavours and achievements are recognised," Maj Quayle said.

"It will also recognise the changes in the roles of women in Defence over time, and inspire women who are currently in the regular forces, the Reserve, and the public service."

She said former members would also get a look at the range of opportunities that existed for women in Defence today.

The event will feature displays and memorabilia including photos, uniforms and recruiting material from the 1960s and '70s. Women currently serving in local North Queensland ADF units will be on hand to explain their careers.

Former and serving members are welcome to attend the Celebration of Women in Defence event. Call Capt Lynn Harding on (07) 4771 7031 to register.



Memory lane: Maj Wendy Quayle and Capt Lynn Harding with memorabilia. Photo by Rianna Coughlan

By Michael Brooke

WO1 Michelle Wyatt has been named the RSM of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (RAANC), which goes hand in glove with her appointment to RSM of the Army School of Health in 2007.

WO1 Wyatt was named the RSM RAANC and formally presented with a certificate of recognition during the annual corps conference at Victoria Barracks from May 8-9.

"It's a tremendous surprise and honour," she said.

"As I had been previously posted to the Health School in its various iterations over the years, I am very honoured to serve as the RSM Army School of Health, while it's a great privilege to be named the RSM of the RAANC."

WO1 Wyatt's appointment is recognition and reward for the passion and commitment she has demonstrated during her 24-year career in the Army.

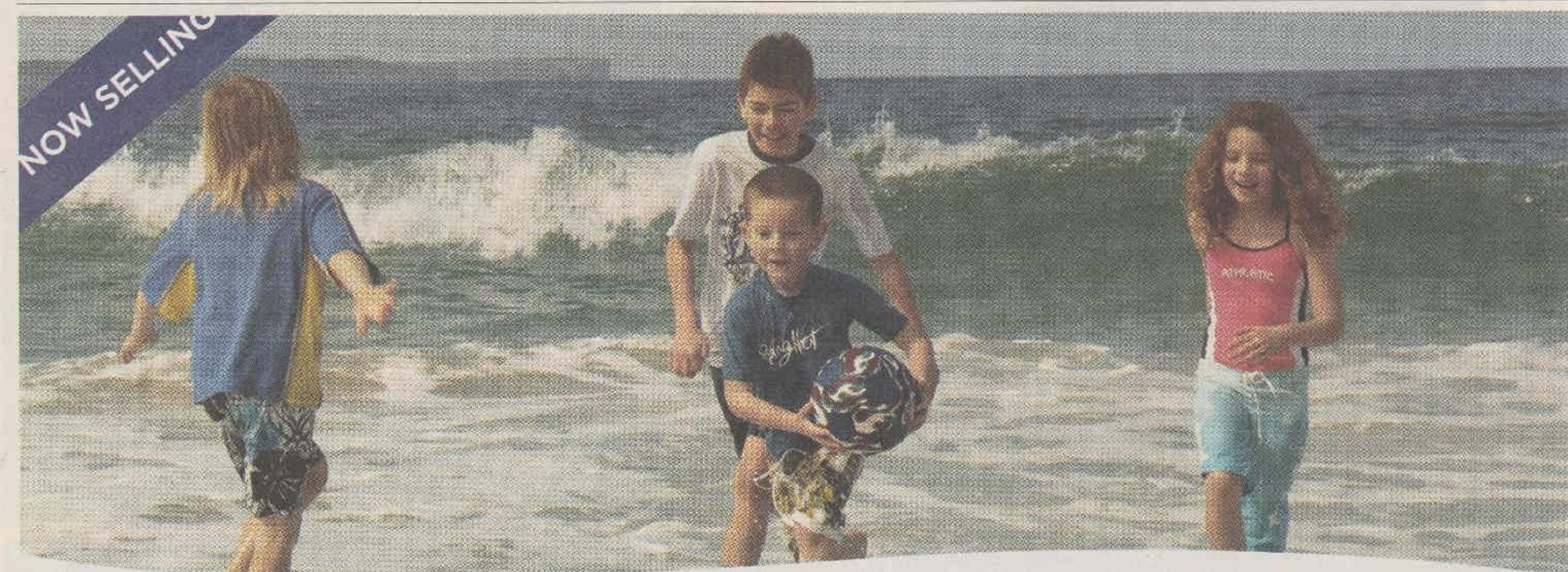
She said the highlights of her rewarding career included a number of interesting postings and the deployment on Operation Pakistan Assist in 2005.



Promoted: WO1 Wyatt with her RSM parchment.

During this time she served as the RSM for JTF 632 from November 2005 to April 2006, for which she was recognised in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours with a Conspicuous Service Medal.

WO1 Wyatt is married to John and they have three children - 19-year-old twins Megan and Lachlan, and 15-year-old Lauren.



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**WHO: Members of the Federation Guard. WHERE: Villers-Bretonneux, France. WHEN: April 24, 1340hr, just after finishing Anzac Day rehearsals at the Australian National Memorial.**  
Words and image: Cpl Andrew Hetherington

Tpr Clint Gordon joined the Army in 2002 and has been posted to the Federation Guard since mid-2007. "Before coming to the Guard I was an ASLAV crewman specialist at 2 Cav Regt in Darwin," Tpr Gordon said. His favourite aspect of being posted to the Guard was being able to travel, representing his unit and the ADF. "So far I've been to Sydney, Brisbane and France, with the Anzac Day parade at Villers-Bretonneux being the highlight of my posting to the unit," he said. During the Anzac Day ceremonies he was a member of the catafalque party. "The highlight of the trip was to be able to stand on the same ground our predecessors fought on," he said. "It was a sombre sort of day and when I heard the Last Post played it was pretty moving." In his spare time Tpr Gordon enjoys spending time on the water, "I ride my wake board; I used to do it in Darwin, but it's a bit cold in Canberra at the moment," he said. "I also go camping, surfing and deep sea fishing."



LCpl Phillip Johnson was a member of the catafalque party for all of the Anzac Day ceremonies in France. He joined the Army in 2003 and, before being posted to the Federation Guard, was a member of 3/4 Cav Regt and was at the School of Armour. "It was great to go to Villers-Bretonneux and walk where our ancestors walked," he said. "It was pretty touching to stand there in front of all those names [on the memorial wall] on Anzac Day, the same day that they took that same hill 90 years ago. The atmosphere was sensational and the fact Australia won one of its greatest battles of all time on that very ground we stood on." LCpl Johnson spends most of his downtime with his partner. "My missus and I go water skiing, camping and enjoy sleeping," he said. "We mostly go camping down near Lakes Entrance and in the Gippsland region." He also likes singing, but not professionally. "I definitely can't sing, unless it's the game SingStar, which I've played with my sister." After his stint at the Federation Guard he would like to go back to his armoured career.

Pte Rhiannon Brown transferred to the Federation Guard in January 2007 after working as an Operator Movement at JMC0 in Townsville since 2004. "I decided to go to the Guard after coming back from a deployment to the Middle East," Pte Brown said. "Being in the unit we get to experience a lot of things you wouldn't usually get to in the military, such as travelling to different locations and performing at parades for dignitaries you wouldn't normally get to see or meet." During the Anzac Day ceremonies in France and Villers-Bretonneux Pte Brown was a member of the catafalque party. "I was very honoured; it was a mov-

ing and awesome experience to be there," she said. "It's hard to describe the emotions I felt, but I was proud to be an Australian there representing the ADF." Out of work Pte Brown keeps herself busy with university studies and running. "I'm studying to be a dietitian and I run an average of 70km a week. I run mainly half and full marathons, with my best result in this year's Canberra marathon, although I did win the first marathon I competed in, which was in Townsville in 2006." Every year she contributes to the profits of a certain sports shoe manufacturer. "I go through about eight pairs of running shoes a year," she said.

Pte Andrew Loughheed, who was posted from 1RAR to the Federation Guard a year and a half ago, was the drummer for the Anzac Day ceremonies in France. "Being posted to the unit is great, as you get to travel. I've seen more of Australia with the Guard than what I've done travelling by myself." The trip to France was a career highlight. "This was the best thing I've ever done. It has been a trip of a lifetime to visit Villers-Bretonneux, to keep the legacy

alive," Pte Loughheed said. Before flying out to France, he was given a crash course in drum playing. "I had two weeks to learn the drum before I left. It was pretty nerve-racking when I was out there playing, but it turned out all right," he said. In his spare time he likes to keep fit and active playing touch football. He joked that he also has a talent for dancing. "I think I can dance; I just do the usual flopping around the dance floor!"

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## 28 PEOPLE



**Taking care of business:** Amid a group of enthusiastic spectators, Pte Robert Preece and Pte Andrew Taylor settle in to provide security for Australian soldiers playing soccer on a newly made field in Bazarlette, Timor-Leste. A report on the match is on Page 34.  
Photo by Cpl Chris Moore



**On guard:** Cpl Corey Baker and Capt Chris Seebohm, OBG (W) 4, at Camp Terendak, Iraq.  
Photo by Cpl Michael Davis



**Coalition partners:** Cpl Robbie Roockley, of Timor-Leste Battle Group 4, tours the streets of Baucau with US Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Marines were in Timor-Leste to conduct training.  
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## FINANCE

# Prize-winning rip-offs

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Chairman **Tony D'Aloisio** lists the 'winners' of the Pie in the Sky awards.

EVERY day we hear of new advances and breakthroughs in science, health and all areas of human endeavour.

Unfortunately, similar advances are also being made by financial fraudsters, who are often quick to make use of new technology or social developments to steal from innocent victims.

## Pie in Sky awards

At ASIC, we have established the Pie in the Sky awards to identify the scams that have reached new lows.

This year's "winner" is an advance fee fraud. This disturbing scam combines the use of technology through bulk emails with the very human tragedy of the Boxing Day tsunami. The emails, which were sent throughout the world, claimed to be from a lawyer from Togo handling the US\$17 million estate of a man who died, along with his family, in the Boxing Day tsunami disaster in Phuket three years ago.



**Avoid the traps:** Take time to check out any financial offers.

The email's recipient "coincidentally" had the same name as the deceased man and the lawyer claimed to have the role of establishing whether the deceased and the recipient were related. The scam operates on the basis that recipients will want to get a share of the wealth by claiming to be the deceased's next of kin. The catch is, as usual, that to claim the money the recipient had to respond to the email and pay a fee.

Unsurprisingly, people are looking at new ways of tapping into other people's superannuation savings – and this year's runner-up, Instep Super, was doing this quite blatantly, not to mention, unlawfully.

Instep Super was advertising on television, radio and online, offering 20 per cent returns and claiming it was "the best performing superannuation fund in Australia".

ASIC found that Instep Super was unlicensed and had no plausible basis for claiming that it was the best performing fund. The Queensland Supreme Court declared that Instep Super's claims were misleading and deceptive.

Third "prize" went to ASIC's very own Electroharvest scam. Electroharvest was a dummy website set up by ASIC at [www.electroharvest.com](http://www.electroharvest.com). It invited people to invest in a device that supposedly recycled

## NOMINATE A SCAM

If you know of a scam you want to nominate for the 2009 Pie in the Sky awards, send an email to [pieinthesky@asic.gov.au](mailto:pieinthesky@asic.gov.au). There is a \$100 prize for those who nominate scams that win an award. For more information about financial scams, go to ASIC's consumer website, FIDO at [www.fido.gov.au](http://www.fido.gov.au), or call on 1300 300 630. Email ASIC with topics that interest you at [ADFcolumn@asic.gov.au](mailto:ADFcolumn@asic.gov.au).

"ambient electromagnetic radiation" into usable household energy, and promising to cut power bills by 37 per cent. People were invited to invest up to \$40,000 with "guaranteed" returns of at least 30 per cent a year.

The website was launched on April Fool's Day in 2007 to demonstrate how easy it is to create something that looks like a real investment. So far the site has had 75,000 hits – all of whom we hope have learned a little about the sophistication of investment fraud as a result.

## Spotting scams

Regardless of the approach by fraudsters, whether it is old-fashioned cold calling and postal mail or modern internet scams, there are some simple ways to spot scams and avoid losses:

► Financial scams almost always offer high returns. Sometimes they are easy to pick, with a return of 300 per cent a year or more; others, on the

other hand, might offer 20 per cent returns for a product that normally returns about 7 per cent interest.

► There's often some feature to make you feel like you've got an edge over other people. The promise of special deals, secret opportunities and exclusive offers may make you feel you're getting something really worthwhile.

► Scams are usually presented as "time-critical" and often implore people to hurry "before it's too late" – but they're really just trying to take your money before you check the offer properly.

► Treat all guarantees of returns or of your investment very carefully. With money and investments, a guarantee is only as reliable as the person or company offering it.

► We trust people we know. Sometimes these people can innocently be used to sell dangerous schemes, including scams. It's called affinity fraud. Information and friendly advice can be helpful, but be extra cautious with tips about specific investment opportunities. You may need advice from a licensed adviser.

The best way to avoid being scammed is to stay informed. You can check a business offering a financial product or a financial adviser by searching ASIC's online registers at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au) to see if they are licensed, as required by law.

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By Bob Dikkenberg



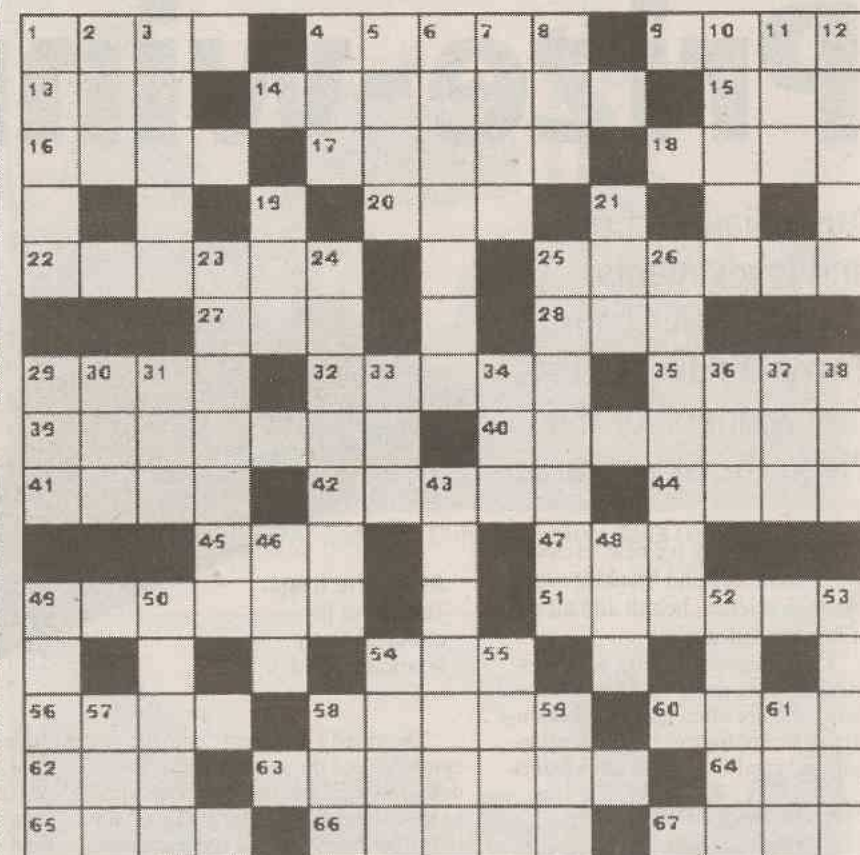
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## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Door bolt
- Flavour
- Leading player
- Assist
- Thin woollen fabric
- Beer
- Blister
- Buttocks
- Punctal notice
- Knight's title
- Trafalgar hero
- Dropsy
- Arab garment
- Scottish, no
- Cain's victim
- Alcove
- Calf flesh
- Error
- Blood ailment
- Jot
- Rub out
- Nodule
- Born
- Cracker biscuit
- Thick glove
- West African tree
- Influenza
- It's capital is Havana
- Norwegian estuary

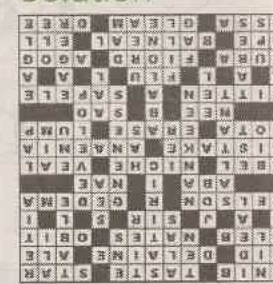
### DOWN

- Polio vaccine
- Zero
- Perfect
- Decade
- Woe is me
- Ironie
- Row
- Printer's measures
- Eating desk
- Mohammed's son-in-law
- Network
- Task
- Large body of water
- Leaping
- Cotton fabric
- Unity
- Grow
- French, friend
- Prefix, life
- Superlative suffix
- Suffix, occupation

### OWNS

- Owns
- Australian bird
- Intention
- Fold
- Sea ear
- Conger
- Mulberry
- Portuguese Chinese colony
- Emaciating disease
- Keen
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- Fertiliser
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## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Who is the blue Wiggle: Murray Cook or Anthony Field?
- In the 1970s-1980s American television series *The Love Boat*, what was the captain's name?
- Who is the father of Drew Steele of the rock band the Surf Punks?
- In what year was Haley's Comet last visible from Earth with the naked eye?
- Are Komodo dragons carnivores or herbivores?
- What is the name of new Russian president?
- How many penises do male snakes have?
- What is the key ingredient of toast?
- How many angles does an icosagon have?
- What is the capital of Peru?



### Answers

1. Anthony Field is the blue Wiggle. Murray Cook is the red Wiggle. 2. Captain Merrill Stubing. 3. (David) points if you point. 4. 1910. 5. Carnivores. 6. Dmitry Medvedev. 7. Two. 8. Bread. 9. 20. 10. Lima.



MOVIES

A victim, a villain and duelling cars

Cactus

Stars Travis McMahon, David Lyons, Shane Jacobson and Bryan Brown. **M**



By Sgt Dave Morley

IF YOU enjoyed films like *Mad Max* and *Wolf Creek* you will definitely enjoy *Cactus*.

It gets its name from "choose the wrong road and you're..."

Albury-born actor Travis McMahon (*Kokoda*) plays the part of desperate kidnapper John Kelly while David Lyons (*Sea Patrol*) plays professional gambler Eli Jones, kidnapped by Kelly.

Bryan Brown has a cameo role as the no-nonsense bush cop whose "patch" seems to cover most of outback Australia. He doubles as the film's executive producer.

Thommo, the hapless truckie, is ably played by Shane Jacobson (*Kenny*). This time around he's not installing portalooos. He might have been better off if he was.

But the main stars are the desolate outback terrain and "Bonnie", a red 1972 XA Ford Fairmont with a boot like Pandora's box.

The genre is a road movie, which

our unforgiving outback scenery allows Australian film-makers to do particularly well.

It has a victim, a villain, a car and harsh country. Sometimes the line between victim and villain becomes as hazy as the landscape.

Watch for the underlying Holden versus Ford theme throughout.

This is the first film for 34-year-old director Jasmine Yuen Carrucan who admitted, "Yes, I suppose it's a bit blokey."

The film's locations include Sydney, Cobar, Wilcannia, Broken Hill, and Bathurst.

Don't be put off by the Wiggles music in the soundtrack. It's there for a reason.

GAMES



Cross country: Off-road vehicles in action in *MX vs ATV Untamed*.

More of the same

MX vs ATV Untamed

THQ  
Xbox 360, PS3, PS2, Wii **PG**



By Sean Roberts

TECHNICALLY speaking this game should be called *MX vs ATV vs Buggy vs Truck*, but that would be nit-picking.

For the seventh game in this series they've started to reach the limit of off-road vehicles they can cram in to extend the licence, with a few choices being not much more than a novelty.

If you've been keeping up with the franchise you can expect another onslaught of modes, customisation, and vehicles to keep you very busy.

As well as the usual bunch of stadium and open air events there are now new variations in the form of Endurocross and Opencross, with the majority of your time spent jumping between these events in the game's career mode, the X-cross tournament.

Unfortunately, events can drag on with heavy repetition and, for the first game in the series to feature sharp hi-def graphics, *Untamed* doesn't

stand out as all that impressive. But it still looks pretty solid and, coupled with the amped up sound effects and music, it fits the Arcady approach to the extreme sport pretty well.

*Untamed* won't set the world on fire. It suffers from being one of far too many sequels which change far too little, which makes it hard to recommend to established fans who already own the previous few titles. But if you're fresh to the series or the idea of flogging off a few jumps on a dirt bike sounds like a good time to you, there's definitely some fun to be had here.

DVDs

Well worth a look

The Sopranos - Season 6: The Final Episodes

(4-disc set)

Warner Home Video \$75 **MA15+**



By Mark Uhlmann

THE story of a mafia organisation operating in New Jersey, *The Sopranos* gathered a devoted following in its six seasons. This DVD presents the nine episodes from the final season.

The central character, Tony Soprano, is the boss. His operatives include his nephew Christopher, a veteran called Paulie, brother-in-law Bobbie and Silvio Dante, the owner of the Bada Bing strip club where the crew often hangs out.

By the end of these episodes only two of them are left standing.

This DVD opens with Tony feeling his age. At 47 he feels his physical powers slipping. The year before he was almost killed after his increasingly senile uncle - once a feared mafia boss and Tony's rival - shot him in a delusional moment.

He sees threats everywhere - and one in particular is very real, from Phil Leotardo, who becomes the leader of the New York mafia outfit.

The relationships are complex, but very believable. Nothing is black and white in this world. Acts of vengeance bring unintended consequences and expectations are often thwarted.

These final episodes maintain the high standard of the earlier offerings and - for those who have not seen the show before - this is well worth a look.

BOOKS

Hard to put down

SAS Heroes: Remarkable Soldiers, Extraordinary Men

Pete Scholey, Osprey Publishing, \$50



By Sgt Dave Morley

THIS isn't just another one of those boring step-by-step histories. Nor is it some bloke's gung ho door-kicking memoirs.

It is a very readable collection of short stories about 20 British SAS soldiers.

After a foreword by highly acclaimed author Frederick Forsythe, author Pete Scholey starts with Lt-Col Paddy Mayne's story - despite winning the DSO four times a VC eluded him.

Scholey then works his way through to the Gulf War with stories of not just the bravery in action of men he knew, but their everyday lives.



Many of the stories he tells have not been told before. The few that have like that of Labalaba and Takavesi, the two gallant Fijians at Mirbat, have not been told in such detail.

The author tells how Takavesi was wounded in a vehicle ambush in Basra 31 years after being shot in the chest in the 1972 Mirbat action.

He relates how Maj Michael 'Bronco' Lane lost his fingers. Not from a booby trap as one might expect, but from frostbite while descending Mt Everest in 1976.

Pete Scholey spent 19 years in the British SAS during the 60s and 70s, beginning his military career as a National Serviceman in the Royal Army Service Corps.

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### HEALTH



Get ready: Make sure you are medically fit and at an appropriate level of fitness before starting this intensive training. Photo by LS Yuri Ramsey

# Running further faster

You've failed to improve your run times or over-trained and decreased your time. **Lt Rob Orr** has some plans to get you back on track.

**W**hy isn't your run time as good as you want? Have you over-trained and your times are actually dropping? Are you having trouble passing a BFA? Pick one of the three most common categories that is your closest fit:

- Cat 1. Lack of prior training/base conditioning (run out of puff; start well then slow down, then walk);
- Cat 2. Previous injury (run out of puff; start well and then slow down, then walk; return of overtraining/overuse injury symptoms); and
- Cat 3. Poor leg speed (you can keep running at the end of a race but couldn't run faster during it).

The three most common training methods you can use are: continuous running, fartlek and interval training.

#### Continuous running

You can subdivide continuous running into two components, long slow distance (commonly known as LSD) and long solid distance or long fast distance. This form of training requires you to continue running at a steady pace with your primary aims being:

- Developing anatomical adaptations (conditioning your body to handle the stress of running);
- Improving cardiovascular efficiency (improving the extraction of oxygen from the lungs to the blood and from the blood to the muscle); and
- Improving metabolic oxidative reactions (using your aerobic energy system more effectively).

This kind of training is essential if you fall into category 1 or 2. Without this preparation you run a high risk of injury or repeat injury.

Just performing this training will help you run faster by allowing you to run at a continuous pace for the duration of the run (as opposed to starting fast and getting slower or running out of breath).

**Run session example:**  
► 20 minutes non stop.

#### Notes:

Utilising the Perceived Rate of Exertion (PRE) scale, aim for a score of between 6-7 (Score 0 = resting, Score 1-2 = walking casually, Score 6-7 = can hold a conversation for a short period, Score 8 = can answer a question but do not wish to have a conversation, Score 9 = yes or no answer only, Score 10 = hitting yourself on the finger with a hammer).

Pace should be continuous so that you finish at the same speed you started.

#### Fartlek training

This is the introduction to speed training. This method involves manipulating speed and distance. For example, running at a slow pace for four hundred metres (2 min), fast for two hundred (40 sec), then repeating it several times, you have the option to make the slow or fast distances/times longer or shorter during the session.

Fartlek training is a progression for category one and two and will improve times for those in category 3.

#### Run session examples:

- 400m slow pace, 200m medium pace, 100m fast pace, four repeats,
- 3 min slow pace, 1½ min medium pace, 30 sec fast pace, four repeats,
- Shuttle run levels 1-8, 6-9, 6-9, 6-9, 5-8, 4, 2, 1.

#### Notes:

Utilising the (PRE) scale, the slow pace should reach a 5-6, the medium pace a 6-8 and the fast pace between 8-9 (Score 1 as resting and 10 as hitting yourself on the finger with a hammer).

The duration on each training session type will depend on your current fitness levels.

These sessions are not conducted continuously but rather are interspersed with your continuous running sessions and other forms of aerobic training.

#### Interval training

This is the third method and is primarily used to increase speed and intensity with benefits which include:

- Increased lactic acid tolerance (the ability for the mind and body to cope with the developed lactic acid - that burning feeling);
- Increased neurological stride frequency (the rhythmic speed at which your mind subconsciously tells your feet to run); and
- Improved anaerobic profiles (the ability to sprint and recover).

Interval training is by far the most effective means of increasing run times for those who can complete the distance but fail to get faster.

#### Run session example:

- 2 x 400m intervals (1:2 run: recovery),
- 4 x 200m intervals (1:3 run: recovery),
- 60 sec as fast as possible up a small hill, 120 sec rest (60 sec walk back to start; 60 sec rest at the start) x 5.
- Shuttle run, Level 1-8, 1-2 (rest - no run), 10 x 6 times through.

#### Notes:

Further information on active (slow walk/jog) and passive (no movement) recoveries and energy system profiles is available from PTI staff.

Utilising the PRE scale, the fast pace should be 8-10.

These sessions are not conducted continuously but rather interspersed with your continuous running, fartlek and other aerobic training sessions.

#### Preparation

You must ensure that you have progressed effectively prior to beginning this high-intensity training and that you have no medical condition, which may create contra-indications. If unsure see your PTI or Medical Staff.

#### Progression

To develop your conditioning to run faster takes time and several weeks of continuous running should be performed prior to introducing fartlek, which again requires several weeks of adaptation before advancing to interval training.

From there, maintain a base fitness level by utilising continuous running with periodic applications of fartlek and interval training sessions.



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United: After a ferocious and spirited contest, Army and Navy players celebrate the fact that they played on the hallowed turf of the SCG for the first time.

Photos by LAC Aaron Curran

# Bruising triumph

From Page 36

Army started to drift away slightly, which gave Navy the opportunity to score two tries. Navy failed to convert one of them, but had closed to within two points.

In the dewy and slippery conditions it turned into an increasingly desperate battle - Navy needed only one try and Army had to hold them out.

"It was there for the win and it was an outstanding effort that everyone put in," Capt Lynch said.

"Twelve months ago Navy beat us by two points in the combined services championships and we wanted to come here, prove a point and win, which we did.

"The captain, Sgt Nick Matthews, was forced out with injury but he came back in the second half still injured and led the way. That certainly steered the team.

"LCpl Leon Abdul-Rahman played the entire game as hooker and was strong in defence and very quick out of dummy half to get us some quick roll-ons.

"Cpl Shane Harden at half and



Treatment: Sgt Martin McCulloch applies an ice pack to an injury.

## MATCH FACTS

**Army 18** (Tries: Cpl Adam Wallace, LCpl Leon Abdul-Rahman, Cpl Shane Harden, Sgt Martin McCulloch. Goals: Cpl Adam Wallace 2, Cpl Shane Harden 1) **vs Navy 16** (Tries: LS Jonathan Briggs 2, LS Paul Coughlan. Goals: LS Shane Robson 1.

**Army coach's award:** LCpl Leon Abdul-Rahman.

**Man of the Match:** Cpl Shane Harden.



Collared: Capt Nathan Ellis (top) and Cpl Clancy Fallon (right) bring down Navy's LS Shane Robson.

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**Armed struggle:** Sgt Mark Gribble in a tight tussle for the ball with an Iraqi opponent during a friendly soccer clash at Camp Ur. Photo by Cpl Michael Davis

## Honours are even

By Capt Christopher Linden

DIGGERS in southern Iraq have played a friendly soccer match against Iraqi soldiers, cementing the strong training ties between the two armies.

Sgt Corey Hill, a medic from OBG (W) 4, captained and coached the Australian team and said the match, which ended in a 2-all draw, was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"It's not every day you get to represent the Army, Australia and wear the national colours," he said.

Australia's Socceroos will play Iraq in a World Cup qualifying match in Brisbane on June 1, which was a further motivator for the Aussies, according to Sgt Hill.

Football Australia donated a full set of national uniforms for the players and referee.

Sgt Hill said the Iraqi soldiers "had very good skills on the ball, were fast and agile and played well as a team," he said.

Both teams had a month to prepare for the match. The Iraqi team recruited a professional coach, hoping to gain an edge over the Aussies.

The match was played at the Iraqi Army's Camp Ur, near Tallil, on a dusty, dirt pitch in temperatures close to 40C.

Both Australian goals were scored by Combat Team Healer medic Cpl Robbie Keenan, who was the man of the match.

## Field christened

By Maj Ian Toohill

IT WAS just another sun-drenched afternoon in the village of Bazartette about an hour's drive from Timor-Leste's capital, Dili, but the village was abuzz with anticipation.

A friendly contest was about to take place on the newly refurbished soccer field.

The best team the International Stabilisation Force (ISF) could muster pitted their talents against those of a local team, eventually winning 4-3.

The ISF engineers group had spent almost two days removing fallen trees as well as levelling and marking out the

playing field while local villagers had repainted the goal posts.

Lt Christopher Webb captained the ISF team, which included two women. Every time one of them kicked the ball a shriek of excitement rose from the crowd, which had never seen women play soccer before.

"Some of the local players had amazing ball handling skills and they often outclassed us, but our goalkeeper did an excellent job and in the end we won by a goal," Lt Ellis said. "Overall it was a great day and we have already been asked for a rematch."

It is hoped the inaugural match will be the start of a regular competition.



**Dust-up:** Pte Daniel Clarke seeks to evade a Timorese player. Photo by Cpl Chris Moore

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# Battle of the Rhine

By Flg-Off Martin Alderette

THE Australian Army Rugby Union team's last match of its European tour ended with a 13-15 loss to a British Army side in a ferocious contest on German soil at Athlone Barracks on May 10.

The Australians led 13-3 at half-time but their hosts held them scoreless in the second half.

Pte Joey Kirkland, 2RAR, opened the scoring with a penalty goal after British indiscretions at the break-down.

The Townsville connection set the crowd alight when Capt Trevor Hogan, 2RAR, launched the tackle of the tour on an unsuspecting British centre. This in turn forced the ball loose for Sgt Gav Whiteside, 1RAR, to capitalise on the forced error. Whiteside created space by attracting four defenders and provided quality service to Cfn Matt Fraser, 31/42RQR, to score under the posts. This put the Australians in a dominating position with a 10-0 lead.

Penalties allowed territory and point-scoring opportunities for the Brits to come back with a penalty kick.

As the first half came to a close, there was one last scoring opportunity for the Australian XV through a penalty shot 45m out. Again, the cool-headed Pte Kirkland was accurate.

The second half began well for the visitors as they controlled territory early. However, an unforced error at the lineout gave the British unexpected ball from which they used the brilliant attacking flare of their back-line to outmanoeuvre the unprepared Australian defence and score an 80m try. The lightning speed of the English outside backs was a stern reminder to the Australian outfit that they had to maintain their guard at all times. With the added points of the conversion, the British Army team closed the gap to 13-10.

The Australian side had overwhelming possession and mounted numerous attacking raids, but could not break through. After eager defenders charged down an Australian attempt to clear the ball into touch, the Brits were able to score a try in the corner against the run of play.

The on-field battle was fierce and all one had to do was look to the final score to know that it was a game of evenly matched wills.

Team captain Maj Sean Kearns said he was proud of the side's effort.

"I really felt for the duration of the game we were on top. Two small mistakes and a touch of backline brilliance giving them 12 quick points is something we could have done without," he said.

"We've played some strong football in France and Germany and that's conditioned us and prepared us for the lead up for the inter-services carnival in Canberra."

Team coach Lt Damien Cahill said it had been an important tour, "one that has taught us many lessons, foremost working together as a team and we leave Europe knowing our capabilities and are proud of our accomplishments".



Attack: Fly-half Lt Trent Beilken, HQ 1Bde, shows intense concentration.  
Photo by LAC Guy Young

## SPORT 35



Victorious: The Army AFL team celebrate their win over Air Force in the Legacy Cup match at AAMI Stadium.

Photo by AC Brenton Kwaterski

## Army gives Air Force the slip

ARMY was as slippery as both the yellow Sherrin and the surface when it wrested the Legacy Cup from Air force in a watery annual Australian Football encounter at Adelaide's AAMI Stadium on April 26.

Army lost by 30 points in 2007 but gave Air Force the slip this year to win by 17 points, 5.4 (34) to 2.5 (17), after the scores were locked at 1.3 (9) at half-time.

The match, to support the great work undertaken by Legacy, was played as a curtain-raiser to the Australian Football League match between Port Power and St Kilda Saints in front of a crowd that eventually built to 20,000.

The Army Demons were far fiercer this year, made up largely of the finest athletes 16 AD Regt had to offer. Pre-match body language in the warm-up indicated that the men in red were "here to play".

From the first bounce until half-time it was



Boot: Capt Matthew Ford, 10/27RSAR, gets the ball away.  
Photo by AC Brenton Kwaterski

many nervous possessions and quick kicks resulted in a low-scoring first half which laid the foundation for an exciting second half.

Army lifted its intensity with fierce hand-ball gets to subdue the aggressive Air Force team.

The Demons scored the first goal of the term from the boot of Bdr William Matthews, which seemed to give Army the confidence to commit to strong attack and move away from the slow, sloppy play of the first half.

A goal on the run from Gnr Cameron Stewart, later awarded best-on-ground, gave Army a buffer that would keep Air Force at bay for the rest of the game.

Legacy Cup organisers deemed the cup a great success and their continued support guarantees the annual competition will continue for many years.

Bdr Stavros Zogopoulos received the cup from SA Legacy vice-president David Gray.

almost impossible to control the ball after torrential rain had soaked the ground for hours before the game.

After Air Force had enjoyed an early lead,

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# HIT PARADE



Clash: Pte Luke Kirby and LS Shane Bullock come to grips during the physical game between Army and Navy at the SCG.

Photo by LAC Aaron Curran



Team effort: Three Army players combine to halt a Navy opponent.  
Photo by Bill Cunneen

## Army wins bruising encounter

By LAC Aaron Curran

RUGBY league officials could not have wished for a better curtain-raiser to the Centenary Test than Army's clash with Navy at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 9.

Army held on for an 18-16 win over Navy to claim the Patron's Cup. In a bruising encounter, both sides put in a big effort, ending the game exhausted and bloodied.

The game was a prelude to the Test between Australia and New Zealand, but because of the vociferous support of the crowd you could have been forgiven for believing they were there only for the game between the ADF rivals.

Army opened the scoring in the fifth minute and went on to hold an 18-6 lead at half-time, but only after some heavy clashes between the two sides erupted into a fiery melee.

"That's part of football and that is how it is played - hard and with heart. Both sides played with a lot of heart," Navy coach David Kemp said.

Army coach Capt Al Lynch said after half-time his team "came back out and attacked, but through some silly mistakes the roll-on just died away".

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